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Don't YouTube us: Teachers

Educators often unaware they are being videotaped by students and posted online ◗ Some baited into reacting

It's called getting "YouTubed" — and elementary teachers don't want it happening to them.

In a unanimous vote yesterday afternoon, the 800 delegates to the annual meeting of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario voted to push schools and school boards to have clear policies — and punishments — around the unauthorized use of video and audio recordings, as well as photos, taken by students using personal electronic devices.

Halton union local president Marg Macfarlane said they have had to deal with an increasing number of concerns related to members being subject to the abuse of technology. These include students creating Facebook pages in their teacher's name and posting inappropriate content, or sending out friend requests to students (which the Ontario College of Teachers recently advised teachers not to do). Other teachers have been the subject of Facebook pages created as a place for students to post insults, or even been taped during private conversations with students.

But while "malicious entrapment" is easy to punish, there are other issues surrounding recordings that aren't as clear-cut.

If a university student records and publishes a professor's lecture, "it raises intellectual property concerns," said Jim Turk of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, adding it could also hamper students or faculty from speaking freely.

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Daredevil riders a big tourist draw

Twice year since the mid-1960s, 10 bareback riders from neighbourhoods in the Italian city of Piazza del Campo Siena compete around the central square in the Palio. The event pits Siena neighbourhoods against one another and is a major tourist draw for this Tuscan city. Each neighbourhood puts up a horse and rider to race three times around the slippery, dirt-covered cobblestone track. The Giraffa neighbourhood won the race yesterday.

▶ Riders and horses slip and fall during the Palio, a bareback race around the Italian city of Piazza del Campo Siena's main square yesterday.

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Cash-strapped city

Ford off to see premier

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Cash-strapped Ford off to Queen's Park

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, facing a huge budget hole in 2012, is off to Queen's Park this morning to meet with Premier Dalton McGuinty.

The offices of the Conservative mayor and Liberal premier, whose early, wary détente has given way to partisan hostility, were mum yesterday about topics on the agenda for the 8:45 a.m. sit-down.

Ford asked for the meeting. A senior provincial government source said he is "looking forward to hearing what (Ford) has to say."

Ford is asking the province for more than $150 million in specific projects, including roadwork and increased child care subsidies, plus half of the TTC's $429 million annual operating costs.

Since the mayor's February request, the city has plunged into 2012 budget deliberations, with Ford floating the possibility of deep service cuts and staff layoffs to erase a projected shortfall of between $443 million and $774 million. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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▶ Mayor Rob Ford is meeting with Premier Dalton McGuinty this morning.

Toronto student remembered

FACEBOOK

▶ Ayano Tokumasu in a photo from Facebook. The 20-year-old from Japan was attending language school in Toronto.

Ayano Tokumasu's classmates say she was always laughing She was swept over Niagara Falls Sunday

Ayano Tokumasu's classmates will tell you that the bubbly student always wore a big smile. That she would often share jokes with other students. And that her English was among the very best in the class.

"I can say she was always smiling and very happy," said Kate Lebedeva, 17, from Russia, who met Tokumasu about three weeks ago in her English writing class at Hansa Language Centre on Eglinton Avenue East. The young Japanese woman had come to Canada to study English.

Yesterday, classroom 508, a level six writing course, considered the most advanced in the building, was a sombre place. Students said they were shocked to hear the news Monday that Tokumasu — petite, round cheeks — was the 20-year-old student who, on Sunday evening, was swept over Niagara Falls.

Classmate Jun Seok Kim, 15, who met the young woman about three weeks ago, said students were crafting a book of messages. "We are praying for you, Ayano," said one. Another: "We will remember you forever."

Kim had visited Niagara Falls just one week ago and said it's hard to believe what happened.

Police said surveillance footage from a nearby visitors' centre showed a young woman holding an umbrella, straddling a safety railing and looking at the falls. It appeared as if she was having her picture taken by a friend.

But when she seemingly got up to climb back over the railing she lost her balance and slipped into the rushing waters near the brink of Horseshoe Falls. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Getting 'road hogs' off the curb

Coun. Josh Matlow proposes $500 fine for 'some selfish guy' blocking rush hour traffic to get his coffee

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▶ Coun. Josh Matlow

A Toronto parks department worker rolls up on Queens Quay in a black Dodge Dakota and parks directly in front of a no-parking sign, blocking a lane of traffic. Five minutes later, he emerges from Starbucks with his first caffeine fix of the day.

"I stopped for a coffee. It's not a good excuse," he admits when approached by the Toronto Star. "I feel so guilty now."

If Coun. Josh Matlow has his way, that worker and others like him will be towed and slapped with a $500 fine.

Matlow has prepared a motion to go to city council next month to stop "road hogs" who block a lane of traffic to run for a coffee or make a delivery. The proposal targets drivers who take up a lane, including a bike lane, of a major arterial road during the morning or afternoon rush hours.

Between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, the Toronto Star observed 12 drivers park their vehicles along a 20-metre stretch of Queens Quay west of York Street bookended by lamppost signs clearly stating "no parking." The two lanes were reduced to one for westbound traffic.

In fact, it's a common problem. Delivery trucks and other vehicles blocked lanes across the downtown core yesterday afternoon — many stopped directly in front of "no parking" signs.

Tony Paolella, who delivers confectionaries, says he's been ticketed up to three times in a single day for taking up a lane of traffic. At $40 to $60 a pop, he shrugs it off as the cost of doing business.

"I bring it back to the boss," he said. "I can't park anywhere else."

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Half. Time

▶ The Heartbroken, Stuart Cameron, left, Peter Fusco, Damhnait Doyle and Blake Manning, will be performing during the halftime show when the Toronto Argonauts host the Saskatchewan Roughriders, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Rogers Centre.

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Going for Heartbroken at the Argos

The Heartbroken recently received a nomination for the 2011 Canadian Country Music Awards and will be performing at the CMT Music Festival on Aug. 26 along with Corb Lund, Blake Shelton, and headliner Lady Antebellum. The CMT Music Festival happens Aug. 26-28 at the Burl's Creek Family Event Park on Highway 11 between Barrie and Orillia.

Will Ford turn down second offer of nurses?

Mayor Rob Ford's allies voted in June and July to reject a provincial offer to pay for two new public health nurses. Now they must decide whether to repeat their votes: The province has made a separate offer to pay for three nurses.

The nurses would work to prevent the spread of bedbugs. Their hiring would significantly boost an understaffed bedbug-fighting effort that currently relies on city employees borrowed from other programs.

Ford said he opposed the two nurses previously offered because he believed the city would have been forced to cover their salaries when the provincial funding expired.

But health minister Deb Matthews had said the funding would be provided on a long-term basis. And Coun. John Filion, chair of the heath board, said the nurses' jobs would simply have been eliminated if the province stopped subsidizing them.

Ford's spokesperson, Adrienne Batra, declined to say whether Ford sees the second batch of nurses the same way he saw the first. "We do not talk to the Toronto Star," Batra said.

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▶ Rob Ford with his spokesperson Adrienne Batra and brother Doug during last year's mayoral race.

The second batch of nurses was offered in the spring, before the city rejected the first. The offer appeared on the council agenda yesterday, a day before Ford was to meet with Premier Dalton McGuinty to ask again for help with the city's financial woes.

Matthews criticized Ford for rejecting the first offer. She urged council to accept the second, which will cost the province $255,000 per year.

"It's not time-limited. It is intended to be permanent funding. What I can tell you, of course, is that any new government can make a new decision," she said, making reference to the October election. "So nothing in government is guaranteed. But our party, absolutely, we are committed to ongoing funding."

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Like the first time

- The city's top health official, Dr. David McKeown, wrote in a July report that the three nurses are badly needed.
- Because nurses and health inspectors have been transferred to bedbug work, McKeown wrote, people with other problems have found it more difficult to get help.
- Filion said he believed Ford had opposed the first offer because of an "anti-government" philosophy. "I'm not sure what would change this time," he said.

Grits to extend caregiver leave

A program that guarantees jobs for people who take time off work to care for a terminally ill loved one will be extended to more families if the Liberals win the Oct. 6 Ontario election, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Ontario's existing family medical leave plan allows people to take an eight-week unpaid leave of absence to care for a loved one who is dying, and guarantees their job will be there when they return.

A new family caregiver leave program would extend the same right to people who have a family member that has a serious injury or illness, including cancer or a stroke, McGuinty announced. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty

Pharma giant to get bigger

Roche Canada plans to invest $190 million over the next five years in a global pharmaceutical development site in Mississauga.

Roche says the initiative will bring 200 jobs to the city.

The global pharmaceutical giant says the expanded site will manage operations for all of its clinical trial research for new medicines.

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TRANSIT IN THE CITY

Revamping the daily commute

For the third and final instalment of our transit series, we asked for ways to improve the experience of waiting and riding. And you answered. Here's a sample of what readers from coast to coast have on their wishlists.

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BUS-ONLY LANES

- "(It) would allow buses to bypass heavy traffic and maintain a regular schedule, even during rush hour. This would be good for everyone, not just for regular transit users."
  — Peter Byrne, Calgary

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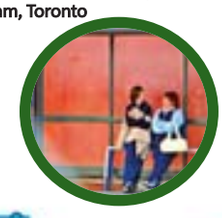
PRE-PAID FARE CARDS

- "The cards can be reloaded with either cash or tickets/tokens.... Then transfers will become obsolete, saving tons of paper per year.
  — Simeon Wong, Toronto
- "All stations are equipped with a fare vending machine, which dispenses a reloadable transit card. Fare is calculated in regards to how far you're travelling within the system."
  — Jewely, Toronto

BETTER SHELTERS

- "Partial shelters ... offer absolutely nothing in terms of protection from the snow or rain.... Bus shelters (should) also have an intercom to contact both police and a bus call centre for help and inquiries."
  — Donovan Lam, Toronto



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LONGER HOURS, ON WEEKENDS ESPECIALLY

- "It would reduce drinking and driving and encourage nightlife downtown."
  — Tom Broniewicz, London
- "There are many people without cars that have to work shifts and need to rely on other means of transportation just to get to and from work."
  — Anita Kubin, Toronto

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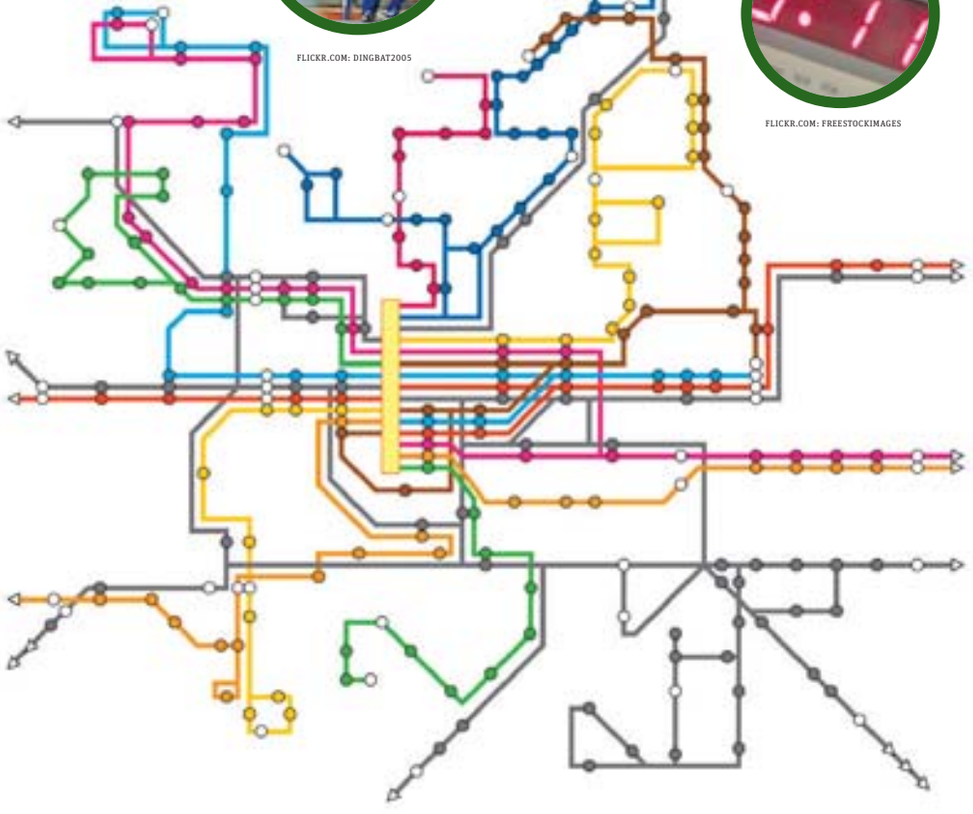

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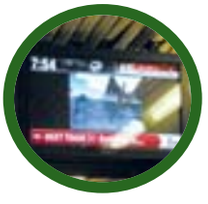
APPS

- "Wi-Fi on all buses. Automated schedule changes or holiday updates via email or text message.
  — @halirob, Halifax
- Fix the GPS system by making it real-time instead of what appears to be an approximation based on schedules.
  — Tom Broniewicz, London



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BETTER ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEMS

- "Monitor screens at each station (display) the expected arrival of the next three trains.... (Vehicles) should be equipped with screens for displaying the stops and also have an automated voice to announce the stops."
  — Sofiat M. Akinola, Calgary

Want to catch a bus? There's an app for that

Cities across Canada are trying to boost public transit use by tackling one of the biggest frustrations for riders, the interminable wait at a bus stop wondering when the heck that bus will come.

Municipal transit services are turning to text-messaging systems, apps for mobile devices and even alerts for your desktop to make riding a bus, train or subway more predictable and user-friendly.

Winnipeg is on the leading edge, using global positioning software on all its buses to provide real-time information across multiple platforms. With a quick click on a computer or mobile device, you can see when your bus will arrive — and not the scheduled time, but an up-to-the-minute estimate based on its current position and traffic volumes.

Winnipeg has spent more than $4 million on its information system, which includes a program called BusGadget. Designed for a home or office computer, the program lets users monitor one or more bus stops to see when upcoming buses are due.

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▶ A GPS app is used on a mobile device in front of a streetcar in Toronto.

Toronto's transit authority has also moved to provide real-time arrival information through GPS locators on its buses. The system went online last month through a third-party website. Users can also send a text that includes their bus-stop number and get a message back that outlines the arrival times of upcoming buses.

The Toronto Transit Commission doesn't have the type of desktop software that Winnipeg does to remind users of upcoming buses, but it is allowing software developers to access its data and come up with their own programs.

Other cities, such as Edmonton and Montreal, have plans to add GPS technology.

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Assad won't relent

Human rights groups accuse Syrian troops of firing on largely unarmed protesters 1,800 civilians said killed

Heavy machine-gun fire rang out across the besieged Syrian city of Latakia yesterday as the death toll from a four-day military assault rose to 35. The British foreign secretary said Syrian President Bashar Assad was losing "the last shreds of his legitimacy."

Assad has dramatically escalated the crackdown on a five-month-old uprising since the start of the holy month of Ramadan at the beginning of August. Despite broad international condemnation, the regime has unleashed tanks, ground troops and snipers in an attempt to retake control in rebellious areas.

"The Syrian regime has besieged towns and cities across the country, using anti-aircraft guns against civilians, a disproportionate and unacceptable response to peaceful demonstrations," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said yesterday.

The state-run SANA news agency said army units began withdrawing from Deir el-Zour yesterday after clearing the city of "armed terrorist gangs" in an operation that lasted several days.

In Latakia, most of the shooting yesterday was in the city's impoverished districts, including al-Ramel.

"They are arresting people all the time, they took most of my friends," said a resident, who fled to a nearby, safer area on Monday. He said many people who fled al-Ramel were later arrested in Ein Tamra. "Nowhere is safe," he said.

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Condemnation

After months of deadlock, the UN Security Council finally responded to the escalating violence in Syria on Aug. 3, condemning President Bashar Assad's forces for attacking civilians and committing human rights violations in a statement approved by all 15 council nations.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Syrian soldiers hold flowers yesterday as they leave the eastern city of Deir el-Zour following a 10-day military operation.

U.S. using 'smart power' in Libya, Syria: Clinton

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton defended the U.S. response to crises in Libya and Syria yesterday, saying the Obama administration is projecting "smart power" by refusing to act alone or with brute force to stop autocratic repression in the two countries.

Clinton said the United States remains the world's strongest leader but is wisely building coalitions to respond more effectively and better promote universal values of human rights and democracy.

Clinton has been a champion of the administration's "smart power" policy, which aims to combine defence, diplomacy and development to advance U.S. foreign policy goals. The term is most commonly used to describe the strategies President Barack Obama has employed in Iraq and Afghanistan, where the U.S. has placed heavy emphasis on civilian projects designed to eliminate the roots of extremism. But Clinton said other elements of smart power are also at work in Libya and Syria.

"I think this is smart power, where it is not just brute force, it is not just unilateralism," she said.

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▶ Hillary Rodham Clinton, with U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta yesterday, at the National Defense University in Washington.

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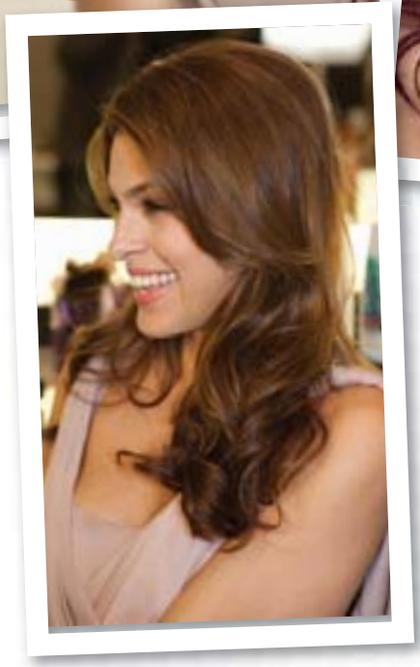

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Punishment for rioters under fire

HANDOUT

Jordan Blackshaw, 20
Marston

Perry Sutcliffe-Keenan, 22
Warrington

Chaotic, round-the-clock court sessions dispense justice considered swifter and harsher than usual

Although public opinion favours stern punishment for rioters in England last week, a few cases have sparked debate including two men who were jailed for four years for using Facebook to incite disorder even though it didn't result in a riot.

Jordan Blackshaw, 20, and Perry Sutcliffe-Keenan, 22, were handed stiff jail terms in northwestern England yesterday for using social networking sites to "organize and orchestrate" disorder.

Blackshaw used Facebook to create an event — with a date, time and location — for "massive Northwich lootin" on Aug. 9.

Sutcliffe created a page on Facebook called "Warrington Riots" which listed Aug. 10, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. for anyone who wished to be involved in a riot.

Other cases that have made headlines include a London man who received six months in jail for stealing a case of water worth $5 from a looted supermarket.

A Manchester mother of two who did not take part in the riots was sentenced to five months for wearing a pair of looted shorts her roommate had brought home. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bachmann. Blunder

▶ U.S. Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann pays for her order of chili cheese yesterday in Spartanburg, S.C.

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When did Elvis leave the building?

Michele Bachmann got her Elvis Presley dates all shook up during a campaign stop in Spartanburg, S.C. She played Elvis' Promised Land while at the restaurant, and told the crowd of 300 that she wanted to say happy birthday to the King of Rock and Roll. Someone in the crowd shouted back, "He died today!"

1,400 About 1,400 people have been charged with riot-related offences. More than 1,200 have appeared in court.

British police dispatched

British police revealed that they sent officers to protect major shopping centres and the 2012 Olympics sites after intercepting messages saying they were targets for rioters. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Philadelphia homicide's Capt. James Clark speaks to media yesterday.

Death plot takes turn

Target of Facebook hit fatally shot in Philly: Police
Ex-girlfriend accused of offering $1,000 for killing

A Philadelphia man was gunned down hours after a judge upheld felony charges against his ex-girlfriend, who was accused of offering $1,000 on Facebook for someone to kill him.

But with the teenager who allegedly took the bait already in custody, investigators said yesterday they aren't sure why the man was killed.

Corey White, 22, was shot once in the chest Monday night on a West Philadelphia street, authorities said.

Homicide investigators said White got into an argument with the occupants of a brown car and a man got out of the vehicle and shot him.

A few hours earlier, a municipal judge had approved charges including murder solicitation against White's girlfriend, 20-year-old London Eley of Philadelphia, and murder conspiracy and weapons charges against 18-year-old Timothy Bynum of suburban Darby.

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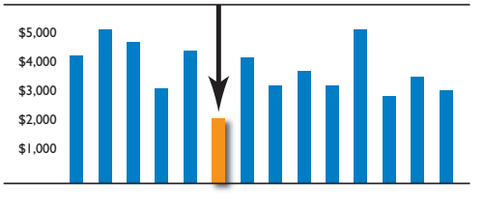

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Ottawa police to get race training

- Racial profiling policy follows Stacy Bonds' complaint
- Changes stem from discussions with the public

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▶ Stacy Bonds in Ottawa police custody is pictured, on the floor, in this frame grab from a 2008 video.

Police in Ottawa have passed a new racial profiling policy nine months after a woman came forward claiming she was arrested and strip-searched because she was black.

Stacy Bonds, 27, announced she was suing police for $1.2 million after the September 2008 incident was first made public in November 2010.

The changes stem from public meetings the police service held after to discuss methods for dealing with racial bias and profiling.

The policy explicitly forbids officers from investigating or detaining anyone based on their race and will force officers to go through training on racial profiling this fall.

A cellblock video of the 2008 incident shows a woman held on the floor, then having her bra and shirt cut off by Ottawa police.

The Ottawa Police Service denies the allegations in Bonds' statement of claim, which have yet to be proven in court.

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▶ Taylor Armstrong and husband Russell.

'Housewives' husband dead

Wife Taylor often discussed couple's relationship troubles on the show

The estranged husband of a Real Housewives of Beverly Hills cast member has been found dead in his Los Angeles home.

The death of 47-year-old Russell Armstrong was caused by hanging. No suicide note has been found.

Russell was an investment banker and venture capitalist. His relationship with his wife was a big part on the first season of the reality series, which peeks into the privileged lives of six women living in the posh neighbourhood.

Court records show Taylor Armstrong filed for divorce on July 15. Russell Armstrong had not yet responded to her petition.

The couple was sued last month for $1.5 million US by a company that claims the pair diverted money from investors to promote their lavish lifestyle, including redecorating their mansion.

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Dutch probe deaths of 34 boys in 1950s

2,000 The commission is investigating some 2,000 sex-abuse allegations.

Dutch prosecutors are to investigate the deaths of 34 boys in a Catholic institute for the mentally disabled over a three-year period in the 1950s — the latest probe in a long-running inquiry into sexual abuse in the church.

The unusually high death rate was uncovered in church archives by an independent commission investigating sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Church.

The deaths occurred in a former Roman Catholic boarding school and social workshop for the mentally disabled in the town of Heel in the southern Netherlands.

The case concerns "34 boys under 18 who died in the years 1952, 1953 and 1954," prosecutors said.

Investigators said they have informed the dead boys' next of kin — when they could be tracked down and were still alive. Prosecutors did not say how many relatives they had spoken to.

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Don't write me off yet, Charest says

Fake report on newspaper site said Quebec premier pronounced dead at Montreal hospital after heart attack

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▶ Jean Charest

A Montreal newspaper is filing a complaint with police after someone hacked its website and posted a fake story announcing the death of Quebec's premier.

The website of Le Devoir was tampered overnight with a story announcing the death of Premier Jean Charest, one that spread quickly through social media. Newspaper officials shut down the site and posted a note correcting the hoax report early yesterday morning.

Charest was, in fact, alive and well and attending a cabinet meeting yesterday morning in Quebec City. The premier joked about the story when he saw reporters. He said he first heard the news while exercising.

"I hurried to the mirror to see if I was still there," he said, drawing laughs from reporters. "As you can see, I'm in fine shape."

Charest also quipped that he's been written off many times — politically, at least — before bouncing back.

"This isn't the first time Le Devoir announces my death — but it's the first time they've covered it from this angle," he said.

On a more serious note, Charest thanked the newspaper for dealing with the problem so quickly.

The paper's management says it is investigating how it was hacked. It also apologized to Charest and its readers and announced it will file a complaint with police.

The fake report went to some lengths to dupe readers into believing the news: It was written in a standard journalistic style, using a professional photo, official-looking fonts and even the byline of one of the newspaper's reporters.

Le Devoir's editor-in-chief said she was certain the attack occurred from outside. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Investors who lost billions of dollars in Bernard Madoff's massive multi-decade Ponzi scheme fraud are not entitled to recover fake profits that were described to them in phoney statements, a U.S. federal appeals court said yesterday.

The court concluded that a trustee's calculation of the investors' losses was "legally sound" and that a bankruptcy court was correct when it rejected arguments from lawyers for investors who said their clients should receive more than what they initially gave to Madoff.

A three-judge panel of the Manhattan court said customer statements showing that initial investments of about $17.3 billion had ballooned to more than $65 billion "reflect impossible transactions and the trustee is not obligated to step into the shoes of the defrauder or treat the customer statements as reflections of reality."

Madoff is serving a 150-year sentence after admitting the fraud.

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My little Ponzi

- **Madoff told investors** before his 2008 arrest that their investments had more than tripled, but the investments were never made.
- **Many investors are angry** about the court ruling, particularly those who recovered and spent more than their original investment based on expectations that more money was coming.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 152.9 (12,530)	– 0.23¢ (101.82¢ US)

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Goodall sues over 'Janey Baby' food

Jane Goodall's non-profit organization is suing an organic baby food company, claiming it failed to pay up after the primate expert agreed to market a vegetarian product called Janey Baby.

The Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation filed the lawsuit in Manhattan against Sprout Foods, which was co-founded by chef Tyler Florence of the Food Network. The institute claims Sprout owes it $720,000 US.

Sprout says the contract was made by its former CEO and that the firm was in discussions with the institute about a revised relationship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Jane Goodall

U.K. phone hacking covered up: Journalist

MPs could recall James Murdoch in wake of contradictory account

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▶ Clive Goodman, shown in London in 2006.

Convicted phone hacker Clive Goodman warned more than four years ago that illegal eavesdropping was widespread at the News of the World tabloid and its senior journalists had approved the practice, according to a letter Goodman wrote to the human resources director of the paper's parent company.

In the letter, made public yesterday by British MPs, Goodman said phone hacking was carried out with "the full knowledge and support" of the paper's leadership.

Both News of the World and parent company News International have insisted that Goodman — who was fired, convicted and jailed for his role in the scandal — was the only reporter involved in intercepting voicemail messages.

Goodman's letter, addressed to Daniel Cloke and dated March 2, 2007, directly contradicts that.

Goodman said he was acting with the backing of senior journalists, that other staff at the News of the World were also hacking phones and that "this practice was widely discussed in the daily editorial conference, until explicit reference to it was banned by the editor."

The names of those involved have been obscured by police.

The House of Commons' culture, media and sport committee said they will probably recall James Murdoch to answer more questions about phone hacking at the News of the World. Murdoch, who runs the European division of his father Rupert's media empire, testified last month that he was unaware of evidence of widespread phone hacking at the paper.

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Project Runway: Fiat edition

Fiat will introduce a Gucci version of its 500 mini car in the United States.

The black special edition of the car features glossy paint, chrome detailing and a leather interior with white accents. It has the Italian fashion label's emblem on the headrests. It also has Gucci's signature green-and-red stripe along the body, seatbelts and seats.

It will be introduced Sept. 8 at the start of New York Fashion Week and will come to showrooms in December.

It's an effort to boost sales of the car, which have been slow since its North American debut in March.

Fiat has sold 7,982 mini cars in the U.S and 3,064 in Canada, short of its goal of 50,000 for the year.

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Patent suit targets Apple Inc.

Taiwanese smartphone maker HTC Corp. says Apple Inc. has violated three patents covering smartphones and other technologies, the latest round in a dispute between the two firms.

HTC filed its latest lawsuit yesterday in Wilmington, Del., where Apple Inc. sued HTC a year ago. Both companies also have complaints before the U.S. International Trade Commission, which has the power to block imports of devices and parts found to infringe on a company's intellectual property.

HTC seeks unspecified damages and a ban that would prevent Apple from using the technologies in question. Affected products include the iPhone, the iPad tablet computer, Mac notebook, desktop computers and iPod music players.

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IF YOU BELIEVE THEY'LL PUT A MAN ON MARS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
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My ambition to be the first man on Mars has lost a little steam over the past few years.

You know the story: Kids, career and mortgage have taken a toll on a quest that was spawned even before I read Stranger in a Strange Land and grokked it in fullness.

But I'm back, baby. Thanks to the 14th International Mars Society Convention last week in Dallas, there's a new spring in my step that will come in handy on Mars, where I only weigh 75.4 pounds. I'll be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, if there are any.

I was starting to lose hope. Speaking of lacking gravity, U.S. President Barack Obama is a nice guy, but his vision on space is lightweight. He has scuttled the idea of human missions to the moon and Mars, instead promising to send astronauts to an asteroid by 2020.

Gee, that's great. Let's all go to a rock.

"Mars buffs have had it with the government. If you want to do anything right, you have to do it yourself. So Elon Musk, the guy who invented PayPal and the Tesla electric car, has announced he's mounting an expedition to Mars. Details to follow."

But the romance of interplanetary space travel is not dead. The theme of the conference — attended by actual grownups — was Mars or Bust! All right! Where do I sign up? If I knew what to pack, I'd start now.

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The fact is no one is quite sure how to get there, or whether we could stand the extended blast of cosmic radiation that goes with a long space flight. But that didn't bother anyone at Mars Or Bust 2011, or prevent them from debating the marriage of X-ray pulsar deep-space navigation versus Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rockets (VASIMR). Whatever. Beam me up, Scotty.

Right in the middle of Mars Or Bust, scientists discovered (or thought they did — there's a lot of that when it comes to Mars) actual water on Mars. This of course means it won't be long before we identify the martians themselves, who have stayed under the radar until determining if our intentions are friendly.

It's OK. You can come out now. We come in peace. Let me be the first to shake your tentacle.

Now, how about a condo development with a view of Olympus Mons (just the highest peak in the solar system at 29 kilometres!).

You'll be a wealthy ... entity.

Hey, being the first man on Mars has its advantages.

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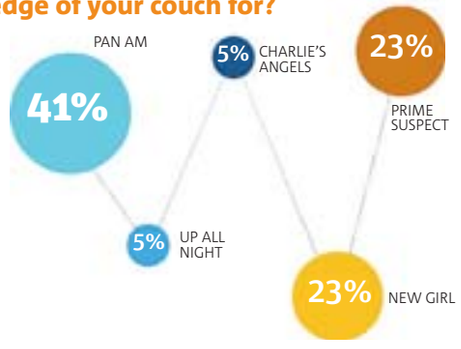
What new fall show are you on the edge of your couch for?



Local tweets

- **@m3foods:** Deep fried coke debuts this year at the Ex!
- **@zombiebaconn:** Everyone will be zombies shuffling in line for that deep friend butter at the #CNE again this year.... I'd rather eat brains.
- **@stephaniesmyth:** I am looking UP, waaaaay up as I walk down the streets of #Toronto these days...
- **@bisha:** Happy Birthday to Madonna! Fingers crossed that the Queen of Pop comes to Toronto this fall for #TIFF11.
- **@geoffpollock:** Outstanding news from the Minister of National Defence, restoring the "Royal" to the Air Force & Navy
- **@rev_heather:** Just curious: why do the Canadian Air Force and Navy get to be Royal and not the Army?
- **@terminatoranson:** I pretend to text all the time to avoid conversations.
- **@chivettaproject:** Sometimes I wear my headphones in the office so no one will bother talking to me....but there's no music playing.

Letters

RICK RYPIEN. What is going on with the recent untimely death of athletes? NHL Winnipeg Jets forward Rick Rypien, 27 years old, found dead Monday has followed closely on the heels of Rangers forward Derek Boogard's passing this past spring.

However for basic sports fanatics across the board in the last few months we've been witness to the unexpected deaths across the sporting community. Former New York Yankee pitcher Hideki Irabu committed suicide at 42, Olympic speed skier Jeret "Speedy" Peterson also killed himself a few weeks ago and joined the macabre list that included former NFL Chicago Bear's Dave Duerson who shot himself last winter. This is an ever growing list of tragedies that only touch the surface of what appears to be a excessive list beyond the names mentioned here that have died premature deaths from an assortment of medical mysteries and fatal misadventure. This has become a trend in the sporting world that demands investigation and cannot be brushed aside.

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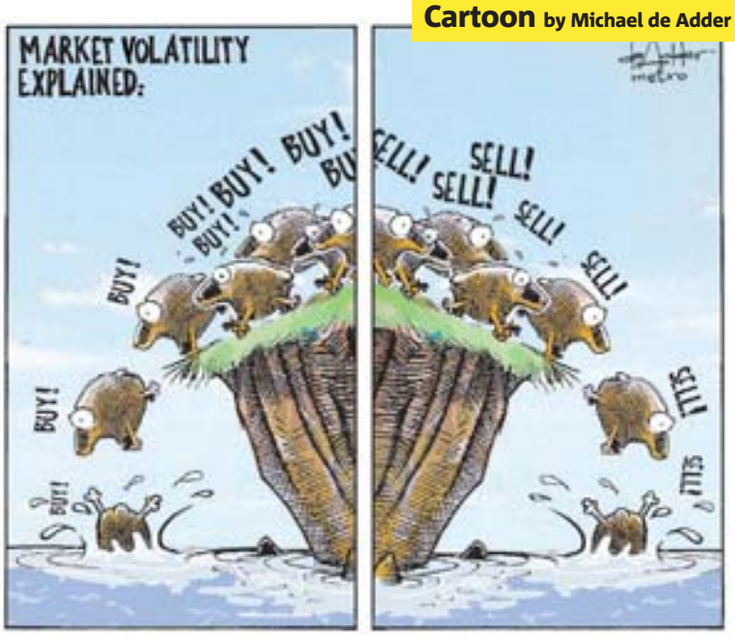

WEIRD NEWS

First up on the agenda: Naming a street after the Biebs

The 11-year-old "mayor for a day" of a Dallas-area city knows what her first major act in office will be: Renaming part of Main Street for teen heartthrob Justin Bieber.

A temporary sign for "Justin Bieber Way" went up yesterday during a ceremony in Forney, Texas.

City manager Brian Brooks says the request came from 11-year-old Caroline Gonzalez. She won a contest meant to get young people interested in municipal government. She's active in student council, recycling and community-service projects.

Brooks says city officials weren't able to reach Bieber to invite him to Forney, which is about 24 kilometres east of Dallas.

The tween politician's act won't cost the community much. Officials say the sign was made for about $20 and would only be displayed for the day.

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The spy who loved mom

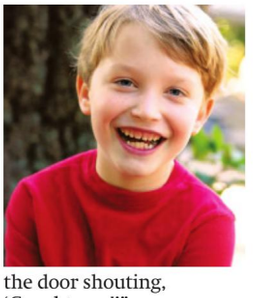
In honour of the latest Spy Kids movie, we asked parents if their kids would make good spies The results will have you laughing ... and probably locking your bedroom door

▶ Jessica Alba stars in Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D, which opens Friday.

Name of Mom: Robin
Kid: Seth, 8
Why he makes a good spy: "Every day when he gets home, he goes on some kind of 'mission.' He makes all kinds of spy gear and is always dressing up as agents. He made a keypad out of paper for his door so he could 'secure' his room. Since I'm his mom, he

gave me a code to punch in so that I can enter."

Name of Mom: Zoe
Kid: Ezra, age 7
Why he makes a good spy: "He talked his Dad into buying him a toy motion detector alarm that really works. He sets it up all over the house and then lies in wait for me to trigger it. I round the corner at the top of the stairs and trip the laser and whammo — sirens go off. Ezra jumps out from behind



the door shouting, 'Caught you!'"

Name of Mom: Melanie
Kid: Mayla, 5
Why she makes a good spy: "She's always 'spying' on her dad. When he leaves the apartment, she uses her 'spy glasses' (sunglasses with mirrors inside) to peek out the door to verify that he has actually left the building. Then she steals one of his everyday items, like a water bottle or gum or Altoids, and adds it to her 'secret dad stash.' We had no idea she

was doing this! For months, my husband kept on wondering where his stuff was disappearing to." RAVEN SNOOK

2 scene

False claims

J.K. Rowling is not amused by a publisher's promise that some of its books will be brought to her attention. PublishAmerica is telling authors that for a fee they will tell the Harry Potter author about some of their books.
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Conan the gruesome

DVD getting shocking scenes theatrical release couldn't include Iconic character re-born

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After years on TV shows like Baywatch and Stargate: Atlantis, Jason Momoa is enjoying his jump to the big screen in Conan the Barbarian. Metro caught up with Momoa to talk about the right number of beheadings to make a scene work, baring all and the untimely end of his Game of Thrones character, Khal Drogo.

How was the preparation for playing such an iconic character?

I mean, that was very hard, dude. It's daunting because I've never seen my body in that kind of shape before. I've never done those kinds of things before, so it was really hard, for sure. But it was totally an honour because I'm a big fan, you know what I mean? I think they picked the right guy because I'm a huge fan of it — Frank Frazetta and the comic books — so I don't know, I didn't get scared or nervous or anything. I was really just super-excited about it the whole time.

You weren't worried about having to bare your backside on screen?

Well, I don't know man. I'm Hawaiian, man. You guys invented clothes, not me. I'm kind of fine with it. Obviously predominantly most of the stuff I've done I've had my shirt off. It's just ... kind of uncomfortable. I don't know. But it's Conan, and it's what he does. He makes love, he fights and he f—s, he drinks. It goes with the territory, you know what I mean?

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▶ Jason Momoa.

I heard there's some stuff for the DVD that was too gruesome for the theatrical release?

Yeah. You're going to be shocked. There's lots that was cut out that in truth I really loved but obviously was a little too gruesome.

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BEAST IS THE MASTER

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Sword-and-sorcery movies are easy to spot. Look for a bare-chested hero, damsels in distress, big swords and at least one character described as "a mysterious warrior of dark magic." You'll also see an epic story, a hint of romance, some fantasy and, of course swashbuckling battle scenes.

On film the genre had its heyday with two 1980s cheese fondues starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Brigitte Nielsen (as the She-Devil with a Sword) respectively — Conan the Barbarian and Red Sonja.

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▶ Canadian actor Marc Singer starred in the 1982 film Beastmaster

This weekend Hollywood hopes to breathe new life into the genre with a reimagining of the Schwarzenegger saga. Stepping in for Arnold Jason Game of Thrones Momoa will battle monsters, evil henchmen and a powerful witch, played by Rose McGowan in Conan the Barbarian.

Critics have always had an ambivalent relationship with sword and sorcery. The 1982 Conan the Barbarian was described as "both exciting AND unintentionally amusing," while Red Sonja was dismissed as "pure silliness, but not silly enough to qualify as amusing."

The Beastmaster is a 1982 film starring the Canadian-born Marc Singer as Dar, a warrior with a mystical control over all animals, has only has a 50 per cent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes, but has become a cult classic over the years due to near constant exposure on television. TBS played the movie so often it earned the nickname The Beastmaster Station. Ditto HBO which one writer joked stood for "Hey, Beastmaster is On."

Also dismissed by critics but worth a look is Atlas In the Land of the Cyclops, a 1961 film starring muscleman Gordon Mitchell, whose first show biz gig was as a strongman in Mae West's beefcake revue, and sex symbol Chelo Alonso as the prerequisite beautiful but evil queen. Strangely no character named Atlas actually appears in this Italian import — Mitchell plays Maciste, a hero made famous in silent Italian cinema, but unknown to American audiences—and Cyclops is only onscreen for about two minutes. Still, it's good Saturday matinee fun.

No mention of sword and sorcery films could be complete without Hercules. There are dozens of films starring the Greek demigod but Hercules Against the Moon Men must be the silliest. This grade z flick is so bad its director, Giacomo Gentilomo, who also made Slave Girls of Sheba and Goliath and the Island of Vampires, quit the film business shortly after the movie was completed.

America's got variety

Ratings surge for America's Got Talent as contestants bring out danger acts **Airs Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

Summertime is for cutting yourself some slack.

Television has its own seasonal playlist, mostly dominated by reality shows and topped by America's Got Talent, the NBC contest that takes an expansive view of achievement.

Yes, angelic-voiced Jackie Evancho, 11, was a star last season on AGT (the efficient nickname used by its producers and NBC). But the show, airing Tuesdays and Wednesdays on City TV and hosted by Nick Cannon, welcomes much more than elegant child sopranos.

There's a wide variety of singers as well as dancers, the stuff of other TV contests. Then add contortionists, impressionists, jugglers, magicians, ventriloquists and "danger acts," the injury-defying sort that push AGT onto vaudeville turf.

"For me, each year it's about giving the audience acts that others don't feature. We want different singers than American Idol and X Factor," said the show's executive producer, Cecile Frot-Coutaz. "And we want young, cool variety acts that people talk about."

This season, the mix has included a talking bird act, male pole dancer, BMX stunt team and a man who played a game of elimination by throwing himself on a series of boxes. One of them held a knife. The variety is working. The Tuesday episodes are up 22 per cent compared to last year, drawing an audience of 14.6 million, while Wednesdays are averaging a 12 per cent increase over 2010.

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America's Got Talent has seen a ratings spike this summer.

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Breaking Bad records

High ratings help to see popular series get picked up for final season

The AMC network and producers of its popular Breaking Bad series about a chemistry teacher gone bad have agreed on making a fifth and final season of the show.

Production on the final, 16-episode run will begin early next year and hasn't been scheduled for air.

Negotiations with series maker Sony Television had reportedly been tense, with Sony even contacting other networks to see if they'd be interested in picking up the show if AMC bowed out. The cable network, with another costly and popular series in Mad Men, was looking to keep expenses down and had been seeking a shorter run of episodes.

Producers may have gained leverage with the strong performance of the series in its fourth season this summer. The season debut on July 18 had the series' highest ratings ever, and overall Breaking Bad has 28 per cent more viewers this season than it had the last, the Nielsen Co. said.

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Breaking Bad's season debut was its highest ratings night ever.

Awards

Breaking Bad continuing to win awards

Emmy Awards Actor Bryan Cranston has won three Emmy Awards for his portrayal of lead character Walter White, who uses his chemistry knowledge to become a drug kingpin after receiving a cancer diagnosis.

"This is a great gift to me and my wonderful writers," said Vince Gilligan, series creator. "It's knowledge which will allow us to build our story to a satisfying conclusion. Now, if we don't manage to pull that off, we've got no one to blame but ourselves." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV watch list

Howie getting people to flash

TV SHOW. Watch how flash mobs — those surprise, public performances that feature dozens of participants and catch observers off-guard — are organized and executed in the pilot for the upcoming series Mobbed. Canadian jokester Howie Mandel guides the flash mob organizers as they prepare to surprise their loved ones or co-workers with song-and-dance spectacles

Mobbed
Fox

Knowing the devil in your presence

013_DATELINE. Tonight's episode of the crime documentary series The Devil You Know is a bone-chilling one. It profiles Judith Mawson, who lived an idyllic lifestyle with her husband, Gary Ridgeway, in Seattle — until the police told her they believed he was the Green River serial killer.

The Devil You Know
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Who will be the talk of TIFF?

Movies starring Robert De Niro, Nicholas Cage, Nicole Kidman and Clive Owen added to the Toronto International Film Festival Runs Sept. 8 - 18

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James Franco

A biopic about Winnie Mandela starring Jennifer Hudson and Terrence Howard, a Joel Schumacher-directed film about home invasion featuring Nicolas Cage and Nicole Kidman, and an art exhibit from actor James Franco and Oscar-nominated director Gus Van Sant are among the new additions to the lineup of the Toronto International Film Festival.

There are several splashy thrillers among the latest spate of films announced for the festival, which runs from Sept. 8 to 18.

David Hare's Page Eight casts Bill Nighy as a long-serving M15 officer whose operation is threatened when his boss and best friend dies.

Schumacher's Trespass showcases Cage as a family man facing the possibility of losing everything in a vicious invasion.

And Gary McKendry's Killer Elite casts Jason Statham, Robert De Niro and Clive Owen in an action-packed account of an ex-special ops agent tasked with taking down three dangerous assassins.

First flick

The Toronto International Film Festival will open with the Davis Guggenheim-directed U2 documentary From the Sky Down.

The Toronto fest will also feature the world premiere of Winnie, Darrell J. Roodt's sensitive portrayal of the South African politician, who is Nelson Mandela's wife.

The festival also announced that the Franco and Van Sant installation — a meditation on Van Sant's 1991 film My Own Private Idaho — will be displayed publicly for free for the duration of the festival as part of its future projections program.

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Need a thriller to add some kick to the waning days of summer?
Here's a look at the most nail-biting reads released in the last few months

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A few suspenseful stories for the dog days of summer

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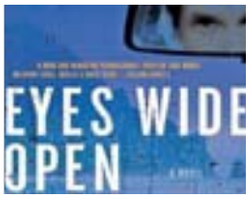
Eyes Wide Open
By: Andrew Gross

Eyes Wide Open proves that you don't need a CIA operative/detective/political conspiracy to craft an unsettling murder mystery. Gross delves into the world of cults, suicides and tragic family circumstances as he weaves this thriller about a murderous hippie clan and a suspicious suicide by a young man.



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Shut Your Eyes Tight
By: John Verdon

Verdon burst onto the thriller scene last summer with his debut novel, Think of a Number, which introduced readers to NYPD detective Dave Gurney. In this sequel, set a year later, Gurney must solve the high-profile murder of a young bride who was killed at her own wedding reception.

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Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Dominion
By: Eric Van Lustbader

Lustbader continues the Bourne franchise (creator Robert Ludlum died in 2001) in this updated series. In his latest, The Bourne Dominion, Bourne tries to trust Boris Karpov, the head of Russia's most feared spy agency, to help him track down a group of terrorists.

CONTRIBUTED

Adrenaline
By: Jeff Abbott

Abbott's stylized prose makes him a thriller writer for people who don't necessarily love the genre. Adrenaline follows ex-CIA agent Sam Capra who must go rogue in a desperate bid to save his kidnapped wife (who also happens to be a suspect in the bombing of the British headquarters of the CIA) and his child.

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Judge throws out lawsuit against The Help author

Did Kathryn Stockett use her brother's African American maid as the basis for a character in the bestselling novel-turned-movie The Help?

For now, that question may go unanswered; by a court anyway.

A Mississippi judge threw out a lawsuit Tuesday in which Ablene Cooper alleged Stockett used her likeness without permission in a book about relationships between white families and their black maids in the segregated South of the 1960s. Hinds County Circuit Judge Tomie Green granted a motion for summary judgment, dismissing the case because a one-year statute of limitations elapsed between the time when Stockett gave Cooper a copy of the book and when the lawsuit was filed. The lawsuit sought $75,000 in damages. Stockett was not in court in Jackson, the same city where the book is set. Cooper wiped away tears leaving the courtroom and went on an emotional rant outside the courthouse. "She's a liar. She did it. She knows she did it," Cooper screamed. The judge did not make any determination on whether Cooper was the basis for the character, Aibileen, saying the statute of limitations trumped those matters. Besides the similarities in names, Cooper's lawsuit says she lost a son shortly before going to work for Stockett's brother, where she takes care of two children, a boy and a girl.

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Why indie rock videos may get you fired from work

Facebook and Twitter are no longer the only sites you'll be embarrassed to be caught surfing at the office Luckily, these vids come with a warning

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There's a new four-letter word in indie rock.

With increasing frequency, videos are popping up online with the letters NSFW next to their listings.

For the uninitiated, this stands for Not Safe For Work, which is a warning that you probably don't want your co-workers to catch you watching something like a few hundred nude bikers cavorting with Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne, who is also nude as he sings Watching the Planets.

"Well, I think it depends on where you work," jokes Coyne before considering his honest answer.

"What we do was always geared toward hip adults anyways — we're not really trying to make kids' videos — but when you're stuck with the rules of TV, that would take an element of the ridiculous out of it. … No one is telling us what to do anymore, so let's not worry about it."

"It's awesome that you can basically do whatever … you want on the Internet right now."
VIDEO DIRECTOR MICHAEL REICH

Michael Reich, who has directed several NSFW videos, mostly for the band Yuck, seems to share Coyne's sentiment.

"It's awesome that you can basically do whatever … you want on the Internet right now," he says.

Zac Pennington, singer from Parenthetical Girls, says he was intrigued by the racy videos he was seeing his peers make, which led to the single-shot video in which Pennington is shown singing while lying in bed.

The screen only shows the top portion of his naked body. The song is called The Pornographer.

"We'd been sort of fascinated with the recent glut of 'NSFW' music videos ourselves — wondering how far otherwise innocuous indie rock bands were from becoming propagators of outright pornography," he says.

"The Pornographer video was in some ways a comment on the phenomenon, removing the barrier between band member and actual pornographer."

Pennington says that while it's new for these "otherwise innocuous" groups to express themselves in such an uncensored manner, it is a successful selling point reminiscent of an earlier brand.

"I think what the NSFW label suggests at this point is similar to the implied danger that a parental advisory once held," he says.

"It's as much a means of selling the product to a certain audience as it is a detractor to another."

Reich says bands have sought him out to direct his videos because of his previous NSFW vids, but he doesn't believe in doing nude or crude for the sake of it.

"I think you should come up with the idea and if it happens to be a little scandalous or not safe for work that's cool," he says, "but you can't seek out shock value because that's all it is. It's just gratuitous and shocking."

Racy and raunchy

How much more shocking will videos become?

"I think it's a trend that will kind of die down a little bit," he says, "just because it's so oversaturated in the past couple of months."

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▶ Wayne Coyne of the Flaming Lips performs at the the Glastonbury Festival on June 25, 2010 in Glastonbury, England.

Rocker reinvents herself

Indie musician Carrie Brownstein tries her hand at comedy and puts together a new female supergroup

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▶ Carrie Brownstein

You'll see a lot more of Carrie Brownstein in the next few months.

The guitarist, who first appeared on the indie rock radar in the '90s with her band Sleater-Kinney, had gone into semi-retirement not too long after that band's last album in 2005.

She did pop up on National Public Radio every now and then, but this year she has really amped up her exposure.

At the beginning of 2011, she and Saturday Night Live star Fred Armisen starred in the hilarious Portlandia series on the IFC network, which has ordered 10 new half-hour episodes to premiere in January.

And all the while, she had been putting together Wild Flag, a supergroup with other women of '90s indie rock.

The band also includes Mary Timony from Helium, Rebecca Cole from the Minders and Sleater-Kinney drummer Janet Weiss.

Wait, wasn't Sleater-Kinney a trio? How does Corinne Tucker, the one member of S-K who isn't in Wild Flag, feel about that?

When we spoke with Brownstein earlier this year, she said that she and Tucker still talk frequently.

"I was really proud of Corinne: she did a solo record, which is something that I could never do," said Brownstein.

"It's definitely a daring, vulnerable move."

We reminded her that for a guitarist to start a comedy show certainly is daring and vulnerable too.

"As a kid I remember I'd always put on plays in my neighbourhood," she said.

"I think there's still part of me that operates under that assumption that if you have enough confidence and gumption and there's something real at the base of it, you can get there and make people believe."

Wave that Flag

To say that Wild Flag approach their music with confidence and gumption is an understatement.

- **They own the stage** with classic rock riffs and melodies that surpass some of the material from their former bands.
- **They band** is hardly able to contain their excitement when they perform: "I really like collaborating," said Brownstein, "and obviously my new band is a huge collaboration."

LMFAO bring the party

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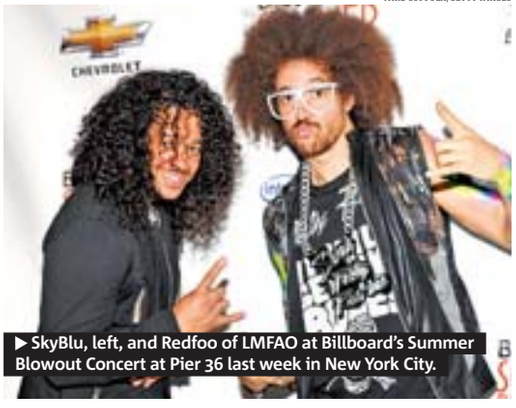

▶ SkyBlu, left, and Redfoo of LMFAO at Billboard's Summer Blowout Concert at Pier 36 last week in New York City.

Whether the members of LMFAO are getting spray-painted before shows, incorporating giant blow-up zebras into their act or drenching their audience in champagne, it's safe to say that life has been a nonstop party for the hip-hop/electro duo of DJs Redfoo and SkyBlu.

Redfoo is Skyblu's uncle, and music is in their blood: Berry Gordy, founder of the Motown record label, is Redfoo's father and SkyBlu's grandfather.

"We grew up around a lot of parties, so I think that really added to our personality," says SkyBlu while backstage at the Billboard Summer Blowout Concert in New York City.

"So when we make electro music, we make dance music for the club, I think that comes through. And like 'Foo says, Motown was dance music."

Redfoo says he's learned a thing or two from Motown's business approach: "They would teach artists how to walk, how to talk, how to make love to the fans. See, we break some of those rules, because they would say, 'In an interview, don't drop your pants and start doing the freak.' But me, I got to do it."

With that he drops his pants to reveal a pair of shiny gold briefs.

Like every other family, the pair quarrels every now and then.

So what does the duo who shouts the word "shots" more than 30 times in the chorus of their 2009 single do when they need settle scores?

"What we usually do is bet shots," says Redfoo.

Crazy times ahead?

As if the two LMFAO-ers weren't wild enough on their own, they're now on tour with Ke$ha.

- **But is Ke$ha as crazy she appears to be?** Let her antics with a cow heart be your guide.
- "If you're biting a heart on-stage and throwing it in the crowd, then blood is all over your mouth, I mean that's pretty crazy," says Redfoo.

Prince Harry back on the market?

It's over: Harry and his model gf part ways ● Rumour has it ginger-haired hottie focusing on his chopper training

Prince Harry and model Florence Brudenell-Bruce have reportedly called it quits because Harry is preparing for the army, according to People magazine.

"Harry has a lot on his mind at the moment. He is concentrating on his Apache helicopter training. After that he's expecting to return to Afghanistan," a source says of the Prince, who recently returned from a vacation with friends to Majorca.

"Harry enjoyed spending time with friends over the summer, but he doesn't want to be tied down in a relationship when training." METRO

▶ Florence Brudenell-Bruce

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▶ Prince Harry

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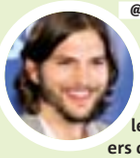

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"Time for bed fantasy football league owners dinner tonight time to get serious about my draft!"

Biebs pulls in more than Miley Cyrus

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Justin Bieber is Hollywood's richest teen, according to People magazine.

The Canadian pop sensation pulled in a reported $53 million last year. Most of his impressive income came from his 3-D movie, Never Say Never, and his perfume line, Someday, which reached $3 million in retail sales in just three weeks.

Former No. 1 Miley Cyrus dropped to the second spot, earning only $48 million last year.

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Kick back in breathtaking Killarney

- Nestled on the shores of Georgian Bay, Killarney is well-known for its rugged charm
- Pristine locale north of Toronto is just far enough away to keep the crowds at bay

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▶ Killarney Provincial Park is a popular destination for artists and outdoor lovers alike.

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It doesn't take long to decompress in Killarney, although a jump into the soothing waters of Lake Huron on a hot summer day certainly speeds up the process.

Lounging by the rocky shore of Georgian Bay, the stillness of the day is only occasionally broken by the sound of children playing on the beach or the gurgle of boats passing through the channel. Whether relaxing in the sun or feasting on mouth-watering fish and chips, Killarney offers a welcome respite from the complications of everyday life.

A five-hour drive north of Toronto, Killarney is famed for its rugged natural beauty.

Outdoor lovers and artists flock to Killarney Provincial Park, yet the region is remote enough to have escaped the crowds and development experienced further south in Muskoka and the Kawarthas.

The village of Killarney is the hub for the region, nestled among the red granite rocks of the Canadian Shield. It's a popular stop for sailboats and cruisers plying the Great Lakes, in addition to fans of hiking, kayaking, canoeing and rock-hounding.

Here visitors will find Killarney Mountain Lodge, a 46-room resort on the eastern edge of town.

Originally built as a private retreat for the Fruehauf Trailer Company of Detroit, the resort has been operated by Maury and Annabelle East since 1962.

The cottage-like design hasn't changed much since then, with its inviting wood decor and comfortable furniture.

Friendly activity directors check in with guests to inform them about scheduled sailing excursions, kayak lessons and scenic hikes.

"We try to encourage people to take those trips," says East.

"We hope that they get out either on the bay or on the inland lakes to see the beauty of the area."

What to do

- **Herbert Fisheries Fish and Chips**
  Killarney's main culinary attraction is Herbert Fisheries Fish and Chips. People have been known to fly in to town for the sole purpose of tasting their French fries and whitefish, lightly-battered and cooked to flaky perfection. There are no frozen fish sticks here.
- **Group of Seven**
  Killarney Provincial Park has been a popular spot for artists ever since the region was featured in paintings by the Group of Seven. A.Y. Jackson was so concerned about logging that he spearheaded a successful lobbying effort to set aside land to protect its rugged beauty, eventually leading to the founding of the park.
- **How to get there**
  From Toronto by car, take Hwy. 400 North to Hwy. 69 then take 637 West to Killarney. It is a 4½ to 5 hour drive.

3 life

Viva Las Vegas

A report shows tourism continued to improve in June in Las Vegas, with the 16th straight month of increases in visitors and average hotel room rates. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority released a report Wednesday that shows visitor numbers grew seven per cent and average daily room rates jumped 13 per cent in June compared with June 2010. The average daily hotel room rate rose from $89.54 in June 2010 to $101.15 this year.

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NEWCOMERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY

- Toronto offers plenty in the way of music, history and festivals
- Here are just a few locations and events to get you started on your high-brow adventure

Get a little cultured

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TORONTO MUSIC GARDEN

WHY WE LOVE IT: Even if you're not a classical music fanatic, you'll find peace and harmony in this free three-acre waterfront garden. The design of the garden — the trees, flowers and landscaping — are actually an interpretation of one of Bach's famous musical pieces. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma helped to design it.

TRY THIS: Stroll along intertwining paths while you listen to an audio guide that explains different sections of the garden and includes snippets of the music. For example, one exuberant section of the music is interpreted with a lush field of grasses and bright perennials that attract birds and butterflies. Rent audio guides for $6 at Harbourfront Center - 539 Queen's Quay W. or ask about free tours Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

DON'T MISS: Live musical performances in the garden on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at
4 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Harbourfront streetcar along Queen's Quay and get off at Spadina or Bathurst (the garden runs between the two streets.)

GIBSON HOUSE – IN THE KITCHEN

WHY WE LOVE IT: Visiting the Gibson House is an easy, fun way to experience what life was like in Toronto in the 1850s. On Sundays in August, the kitchen is extra busy in this working museum as women in period costume go about their chores. Admission: adults $5.48; seniors and students $3.10; children $2.62 (plus tax).

TRY THIS: Take a free tour through the house, ending up in the kitchen to watch how foods such as green beans and beets were preserved to enjoy during the long cold winter. Tours run noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

DON'T MISS: A taste from the kitchen is always included ... our favourite: Rich Plum Cake made with preserved fruit.

DIRECTIONS: 5172 Yonge St., just north of the North York Centre subway stop on the Yonge subway line.

COLD COMFORT: NEW AND IMPROVED SOUVENIRS OF CANADA

WHY WE LOVE IT: This fun Textile Museum of Canada exhibit celebrates our Canadian identity with souvenir pillows – each pillow is embroidered with words or images that represent Canada in some way. There's free admission Wednesdays from 5-8 pm; otherwise general admission is $15 (students $6; seniors $10, children under 5 free; family of five $30).

TRY THIS: Every Wednesday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., kids can also drop in for Fibrefun activities in the hands-on gallery – and make a textile they can take home!

DON'T MISS: One pillow is a simple depiction of a white car with a canoe on top, which is an icon of modern-day Canadian life. Another beautiful pillow has all the provincial crests embroidered on the front. Pillows are made of vintage fabrics (synthetics as well as cottons and linens).

DIRECTIONS: 55 Center Avenue (Dundas St. West at University-or St. Patrick subway on the University line.)

Editor's pick

Best hidden gem

Wild Blueberry Festival: Love blueberries? The Wild Blueberry Festival at the Evergreen Brick Works is the place to be on Saturday August 20. Activities include Wild Blueberry Tasting starting at 9 a.m., a workshop for kids aged 8-10 to learn to bake blueberry pie (suggested donation is $10) and Children's Blueberry Tie-Dyeing in Koemer Gardens beginning at 1 p.m. - bring your own shirt! Visit ebw.evergreen.ca for more information.

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS

Roaring twenties movie for a toonie

Watch the movie Coco Chanel and Igor Stravinsky on Aug. 25th as part of the Roaring Twenties Movie for a Toonie event at the Bata Shoe Museum (327 Bloor St West near St. George subway station). The event ties in with the museum's newest exhibition The Roaring Twenties: Heels, Hemlines and High Spirits.

Toe the line

All young sailors (ages 6-12) are welcome to come to the Evelyn Gregory Library at 120 Trowel Ave (Keele St. at Eglinton Ave. West) on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m. for a free Sea Shanties Workshop. They'll be taught songs that sailors use for work and play.

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Lower Manhattan rises

From the ashes

After a decade of recovery, the area rocked by the terrorist attacks of 9-11 is now a vibrant neighbourhood packed with restaurants and hotels

Out of the ashes of 9-11 has risen a vibrant neighbourhood packed with new restaurants and hotels, places to live and spots to shop, along with many ways to pay respects to an area some worried would never come back.

A decade after the attack on the World Trade Center, Lower Manhattan draws roughly nine million of the city's nearly 50 million visitors a year, including the area around ground zero.

The neighbourhood now has 18 hotels with more than 4,000 rooms, up from six hotels and 2,300 rooms on Sept. 11, 2001.

For many tourists, it's a must-see, right up there with Times Square and the Statue of Liberty.

"It's a 24-7 neighbourhood," said George Fertitta, chief executive of NYC & Company, the city's marketing and tourism arm. "It's a great moment in time for Lower Manhattan."

While local shopping, restaurants and other attractions abound, remembering 9-11 is the primary focus for many visitors. The National September 11 Memorial at ground zero will open on the 10th anniversary of the tragedy.

"There's a different spirit. You can feel the community is coming back."
VISITOR ANS VAN DE PASCH

The Memorial Museum at the site will open a year later under a glass atrium, taking visitors 21 metres down on gentle ramps to the very epicentre of what used to be "the pit."

Ans van de Pasch, 49, of Venlo in southeastern Holland, first visited ground zero three years ago, peeking through masked fences like thousands of others.

This summer, the site is more visible and she brought her husband and two teens.

"There's a different spirit. You can feel the community is back," Pasch said as they walked through the nearby St. Paul's Chapel, where weary firefighters, police and volunteer rescuers sought refuge during their desperate work in 2001.

She wanted her kids to see the ground zero area for themselves. "It's very necessary that you can have one moment in your life when you let yourself, as a citizen of the world, stop and think, 'This must never happen again.'"

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What to do

- **National September 11 Memorial and Museum**
  The memorial is a big reveal years in the making. Created by design competition winner Michael Arad, who partnered with California landscape architect Peter Walker, it takes up about half of the 6.5-hectare site. The memorial will be dedicated on Sept. 11 during a ceremony for victims' families. It opens to the public the following day.
- **Restaurants**
  Stone Street, a cobblestone pedestrian mall closed to traffic, is lined with restaurants offering outdoor table service. The popular Adrienne's Pizzabar is on Stone between Broad and Hanover. One of New York's oldest steakhouses, Delmonico's, is nearby on Beaver; historic Fraunces Tavern — with a museum — is on Pearl.
- **Shopping**
  Shopping ranges from bargains at the massive Century 21 store across from ground zero to luxury retailers like Hermes, 15 Broad St., and Tiffany, 37 Wall St. Street vendors, the tribute centre shop and many other places sell postcards, photos and other 9-11 mementoes.

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▶ A collection of firefighters' uniform patches is displayed at St. Paul's Chapel in New York City.

▶ One World Trade Center towers over Lower Manhattan. It will stand

▶ Lower Manhattan draws roughly nine million of New York City's 50 million annual visitors.

Healing through tours

The September 11 Families' Association offers intimate tours led by survivors, 9/11 workers and loved ones of those who perished. Tracy Gazzani, a retired school teacher from Brooklyn, has done more than 150 of the tours, recounting the life and loss of her 24-year-old son, Terry. "This is my way of healing," Gazzani said. The tours stop indoors at the World Financial Center buildings for bird's-eye views of ground zero as the guides tell their stories. Tours ($10, free of under 12) are offered daily from the Tribute WTC Visitor Center at 120 Liberty St. across from ground zero.

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Pentagon memorial always open for visitors

The Pentagon Memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks is a contemplative spot. But it is not a quiet one.

Highways surrounding the Pentagon rumble with traffic. And every few minutes, departures from nearby Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport fly low and loud across the sky.

Every time the planes fly by, a visitor's imagination can't help but contemplate the force and fury with which American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon's west wall, killing 184 people.

The Pentagon was the first of the three attack sites to open an official memorial. It was dedicated Sept. 11, 2008, and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

It sits at the exact spot where the attack occurred. There is free admission to the site and visitors are encouraged to take transit, using the Pentagon stop on the yellow and blue lines of the Metrorail system.

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Shanksville, Pa.

In one sense, Shanksville is a tiny village far from major cities and cultural attractions. But the crash of Flight 93 in a field there on Sept. 11, 2001, has brought visitors from around the world to the national park site that now marks the spot where the hijacked plane came down.

And some of these visitors are finding other things to do while they're in the area. They're combining a pilgrimage to the Flight 93 National Memorial with trips to attractions like Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece Fallingwater or the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, 90 minutes away by car.

The Flight 93 Memorial is located just off a tiny country road. As many as 150,000 people a year visit the site where the plane — headed for the U.S. Capitol — was brought down through the actions of its 40 passengers and crew.

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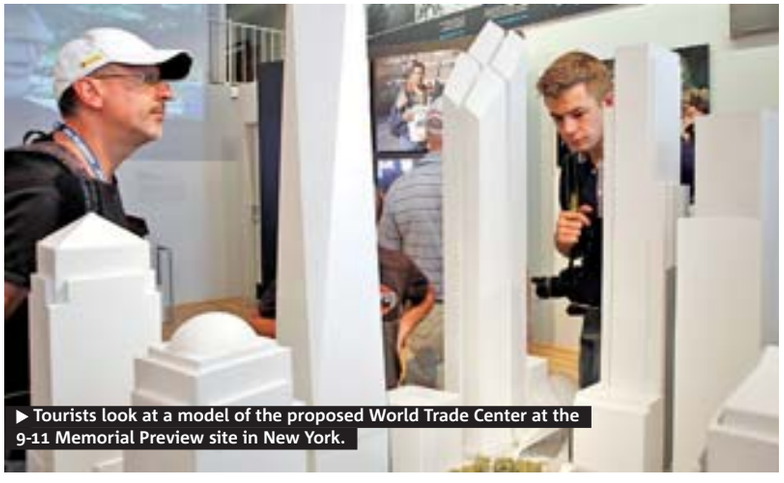

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More than 40 days into our trip we've spent a lot of time with our sons but watching a mama seal and her cub nap, feed and then head for a swim along the beach was a reminder that we aren't the only parents out there. The gorgeous blue waters and volcanic rock, coupled with the duo that were oblivious to our awe, made for an amazing afternoon.

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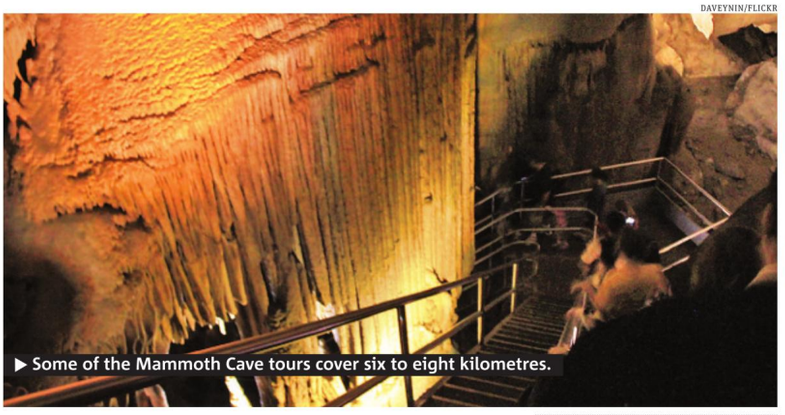

▶ Some of the Mammoth Cave tours cover six to eight kilometres.

Blasts of cool air offered a welcome reprieve from the scorching summer as a tour group descended into the depths of the world's longest known cave. Some visitors donned light jackets for the long hike past panoramic scenes of subterranean wonders.

Heading underground at Mammoth Cave National Park is a sure way to escape the dog days of August. The celebrated cave that has lured the curious for thousands of years remains a temperate 12 C year-round.

"It's the first time I've been cool in I don't know how long," said Sarah Hyatt, who travelled from Maryland to marvel at the massive limestone formations with her parents and her eight-year-old daughter.

Each year, about 700,000 people take the short trip off Interstate 65 to visit Mammoth Cave, with the peak time coming in summer. In winter, the cave's temperate climate gives it a balmy feel, said park spokeswoman Vickie Carson.

Tours cater to a range of visitors.

One tour suited for small children, the elderly and others who can't walk long distances covers about a half-kilometre and includes just a dozen stairs. Other tours cover six to eight kilometres and put participants through vigorous workouts.

On the popular Historic Tour, visitors take a winding three-kilometre hike that leads them some 95 metres below the surface.

It's not a stroll in the park. Participants have to chug up and down 440 stairs. Wide walkways leading into expansive "rooms" give way to belly-scraping paths that take a serpentine route through the rock.

For adults, there's stooping to manoeuvre past low rock ceilings and sideways squeezing to slip through a narrow passage in a part of the cave known as Fat Man's Misery. There's a steep climb up a stairway at a majestic part of the cave known as Mammoth Dome.

"How are those hour-long aerobic workouts working for you now?" Hyatt asked her mother as visitors huffed their way upward.

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History

Evidence indicates that the area's indigenous peoples ventured into the cave as far back as 2,000 to 4,000 years ago, apparently to scrape gypsum and other minerals off walls, said Carson, the park spokeswoman.

It wasn't until the 1790s that Mammoth Cave was found by white settlers. For a time, the cave served as a valuable source of saltpeter, an ingredient for gunpowder. Mammoth Cave played a key role in supplying saltpeter for the young nation's military during the War of 1812.

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- 250 ml (1 cup) ice cubes
- Orange slices
- Maraschino cherries

In blender container, pour in water, bourbon, lemonade and orange juice. Cover and process until smooth. With motor running, remove feeder cap; add ice cubes. Continue to process until smooth. Garnish with orange slice and maraschino cherry.

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Explore your corny side

With corn season in full swing, it's time to get creative with the grain Introduce your backyard grill to corn to make this easy and delicious Grilled Corn, Potato & Bean Salad

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This time of year brings tons of colour and flavour to the kitchen. Enjoy the splendor with Grilled Corn, Potato and Bean Salad.

For a slight crunch to the potatoes, after boiling, toss them in a bit of oil and grill them over medium heat until golden brown.

Preparation:

1. Place corn on greased grill over medium high heat; close lid and cook turning occasionally for about 10 minutes. Remove to cutting board. When cool enough, cut kernels off. Place in bowl.
2. Bring potatoes to boil in a pot of water. Boil for 15 minutes or until tender when pierced but not falling apart. Remove with slotted spoon to cutting board. Add green beans into boiling water and cook for 5 minutes. Drain and cut in half; set aside.
3. Cut potatoes in half, larger ones in quarters and add to bowl with corn. Add green beans, tomato and basil.
4. In bowl, whisk oil, vinegar, sundried tomatoes, garlic, mustard and salt. Pour over potato mix and toss gently to coat.

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Salad Tips

The Potatoes
You can use white or red mini potatoes for the salad. If you are using large new potatoes, cut them into large chunks after boiling. They will also take a bit longer to cook through.

Ingredients:

- 4 cobs of corn, shucked
- 1 ½ lbs (750 g) mini new potatoes
- 8 oz (250 g) green beans, trimmed
- 1 field tomato, chopped
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) chopped fresh basil
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) each extra virgin olive oil and cider vinegar
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped sundried tomatoes in oil
- 2 cloves or 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp (2 mL) salt

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▶ This recipe makes six to eight servings.

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Breathing uneasy

Back-to-school brings a boom in asthma attacks, experts say

Each year, the so-called "September epidemic" strikes legions of children who suffer from asthma, a respiratory condition that affects roughly 10 per cent of children and causes more than 200 deaths annually, according to Statistics Canada.

Studies show the first few weeks of school bring a boom in asthma attacks - violent, often terrifying episodes marked by coughing, wheezing and chest tightness - and trips to the emergency room.

Hospital visits hit a "dramatic peak" 17 days after Labour Day, a holiday generally considered the end of summer vacation, said Neil Johnston, an epidemiologist at the Firestone Institute for Respiratory Health in Hamilton.

For older teens and adults, the spike comes about a week later and isn't as pronounced, said Johnston, who has analyzed the phenomenon in a number of studies.

"Things that are so exquisitely timed don't just happen by accident. There's something going on," he said, noting researchers in Britain and Trinidad have spotted the same pattern.

"It's the scariest thing as a parent because you can't do anything. So I'm very stressed."
ONI JOSEPH, MOTHER OF YOUNG ASTHMA SUFFERER

Though the September spike is predictable, it's not entirely preventable, given all the factors at play.

But there's a lot families can do to lessen its impact, said Dr. Paul Ehrlich, a pediatric allergist in New York City and co-author of "Asthma, Allergies, Children: A Parent's Guide."

Parents should visit the school's health clinic to make sure nurses there know how to administer medication with an inhaler, he said.

They should also talk to teachers and explain why their children are itchy, sneezy or wheezy, the doctor said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Erin MacFarlane

I completed my undergraduate degree in Political Studies at Queen's University in April 2010. Like many students in a Bachelor of Arts program, I found it difficult to find meaningful employment each summer. With no formal business training, I applied to countless jobs with little luck.

I was particularly interested in marketing internships. I'd taken an introductory course at Queen's and gained volunteer experience in the field, but unfortunately, I lacked the theoretical knowledge taught in business programs.

As I sent off resumé after resumé, it finally dawned on me — I wasn't getting interviews because hiring managers weren't even reading my application. Since I wasn't a business student, none of my relevant skills seemed to matter.

Companies often dismiss BA students for summer positions because they don't have a business background.

This eliminates talented candidates from the hiring pool and perpetuates the myth that they're unqualified for these roles.

The truth is, many strategic and creative departments could benefit from the skills BA students bring to the table. Most of what an intern is responsible for is taught on the job. It's not about whether someone has completed dozens of marketing case studies in class; it's about being a fast learner and having the talent required to get the job done.

Researching essays all year long makes BA students strategic thinkers, thorough researchers and skilled writers. Arts students are able to think outside the box and analyze information at a high level. If you're searching for fresh energy and creative ideas, hiring an arts student is the way to go.

Companies need to expand the educational requirements for business-related jobs. Having a commerce degree should no longer be the top criteria for employment.

Employers should give BA students a chance. Who knows, we might exceed your expectations.

Students — prove to employers that you are capable of performing the roles outlined in the job description. Emphasize your strengths and the benefits you could bring to the organization. Showcase your personality and let your creative side shine through in every interview.

If you have volunteer experience in the field of work you're applying for, focus on how this makes you a qualified candidate. If you can clearly explain why you're an ideal choice for the position, employers should be compelled to hire you, regardless of your educational background.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Erin's experience:

- While in school, engage in extracurricular and volunteer activities that allow you to build skills outside of your degree.
- Then, in interviews, be sure to thoroughly discuss how those activities have prepared you for the role. If you don't have the educational background, it's your job to convince the employer that you're more than capable.

Where Erin is now
In April, I completed the Graduate Public Relations certificate program at Humber College. I am currently working as a communications intern in the energy industry.

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Owning a franchise can provide a small business owner with brand recognition, a built-in clientele, valuable resources and the operating features of proven success. It also requires a financial and emotional investment in the business, and often, a crash-course in running it. Ray Leclair, a lawyer and vice-president, Public Affairs (Acting) at LawPRO, offers these tips.

Disclosure

The traditional crucial element in business is location, location, location. However, in franchise law, the primary emphasis is on disclosure. The franchisor must provide extensive information to potential buyers in a timely fashion. It is crucial for all buyers to consult with their lawyer, accountant and other business advisors to ensure they have all the relevant information before they sign an agreement or pay any money.

Understand the growth potential

Be sure to really understand your industry and marketplace. Is the product or service you are providing going to be sustainable over the long-term? Will your marketplace be interested? If you are successful, do you have priority access in opening more franchises in the area? Be sure to spend some time answering these questions to better understand your business's potential for growth.

Make sure you really understand the costs and fees associated with opening a franchise

There will be fees up front of course, but factor the ongoing costs associated with running a business and the special features of a franchise. Will you have to pay the franchisor a portion of your annual earnings? Are there leasing requirements? How will suppliers be paid? Will you be obligated to buy supplies only from the franchisor? These are just a few questions to ask up front. A business advisor can help highlight other key areas of concern.

Meet with your lawyer early on, and stay in touch

Franchise laws vary provincially, so be sure to seek local legal advice right from the beginning. A lawyer experienced in buying and selling franchises can help guide you through many stages of running your business, so it's important to build a lasting relationship with a legal expert who you can reach out to for guidance and advice. As financial matters are important in all businesses, you should also establish a relationship with an accountant.

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It's the most dangerous game you can play with a job offer: reject it. Bluff. Tell them to add a couple pounds to the paycheck if they want your services.

A select few professionals, however, like surgeons or oil company geologists, can and are expected to do just that — "but those are rare cases," says Al Lee, director of quantitative analysis at Payscale.com.

"The bulk of people will be in a category where there's a fair number of jobseekers out there that can also do that job," he says. "For them, the only good news is that, generally, companies like to hire their first choice. It's psychological."

If you're lucky enough to be that choice, you might feel inclined to push your luck an inch further for a game of pay grade poker.

You'll need to know what the job would earn you elsewhere, Lee stresses.

But most importantly, you need to know how the company works, how it hires, and what kind of finances it has on hand, he adds.

"Some companies just have a budget," he cautions. "This is how much they have to pay, and they'll hire the best person they can get for that money."

DON'T SPEAK FIRST

"Chances are, somewhere early in the interview, the employer might start probing you for salary expectations," notes Ron Krannich, author of Dynamtie Salary Negotiations.

Don't fall for the bait, he warns.

"It's like poker: whoever reveals his hand first is at a disadvantage," he explains. "If they ask, deflect. Say 'I'd like to learn more about the position before we talk salary."

SHOULD THEY SAY NO...

"You may not be able to negotiate much if it's just the standard package that they're offering," Krannich says.

But that doesn't mean you have to fold.

"Talk about advancement opportunities," he encourages. "Are they going to allow you to move into a higher position?"

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▶ Rick Rypien during a pre-game warmup with the Canucks in fall 2009.

NHL copes with loss of Rypien

Fallen Jet was dealing with depression ◐ 'We felt he was making progress': Former GM Gillis

After taking time away from his NHL career to battle depression, Rick Rypien finally appeared to be in a good place.

The scrappy centre, formerly with the Vancouver Canucks, recently signed with the Winnipeg Jets along with longtime friend Jason Jaffray. He appeared content and at peace and talked about the possibility of winning the Stanley Cup.

That's why Rypien's sudden death Monday came as a shock to Jaffray and others who watched him battle his way, physically and mentally, into the NHL.

"Everyone knew he had some issues that he had to get taken care of last year and he was definitely a new man when he came back and ... he was definitely the happiest I'd ever seen him," Jaffray said yesterday from his home in Olds, Alta. "We actually had joked around about bringing a Cup back to Winnipeg."

"Either something happened very quickly or we all missed the boat."
JETS ASSISTANT GM CRAIG HEISINGER ON RICK RYPIEN

Rypien was scheduled to fly to Winnipeg on Sunday night to have his knee checked Monday, Jets assistant general manager Craig Heisinger said. But he never boarded that flight.

"He had left me a message Sunday morning ... he just wanted to know whether there was ice to skate at," Heisinger said during a news conference yesterday. "I spent some time trying to track him down (Monday) and was unable to do so."

The RCMP in Crowsnest Pass, Alta., said they received a call Monday afternoon concerning a "sudden and non-suspicious" death.

There was no immediate word on the cause of death.

Rypien had been dealing with depression for at least a decade, said Heisinger, who was the GM of the Manitoba Moose when Rypien played for the AHL team. By the summer, Heisinger said, Rypien appeared to have gained the upper hand. He had just signed a one-year, $700,000 US deal with the Jets.

Rypien, 27, spent parts of six seasons with the Canucks organization. He played nine games with Vancouver last season and spent most of the year dealing with personal issues.

Jaffray, who played with Rypien in Vancouver and Winnipeg, said Rypien didn't talk much about his troubles.

"Even being his roommate, and on the road ... he didn't like to talk about that kind of stuff a whole lot," Jaffray said. "And guys knew not to pry because when you did try to pry, he kind of got uncomfortable."

Rypien had been getting treatment, but Canucks GM Mike Gillis would not go into great detail.

"Over the course of the last three seasons, we participated in a variety of different initiatives with him and we were all really close with him," Gillis said yesterday in Toronto. "We had an understanding of what we thought was going on and had a number of outside agencies involved in assisting us and we felt we were on course."

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"He's an outstanding guy and I learned a lot, so I was thankful for him being open to me even coming down there."
ROOKIE BROWNS QB COLT MCCOY ON BRETT FAVRE. MCCOY CALLED FAVRE SEEKING ADVICE, AND SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN MISSISSIPPI BEING TUTORED BY THE NFL LEGEND ON THE INTRICACIES OF THE WEST COAST OFFENCE.

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Season on the line

Stretch against hapless Riders and Lions chance for Argos to right ship

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▶ Argonauts head coach Jim Barker reacts to last week's loss in Hamilton.

Some might call it the Toilet Bowl or the Battle for the Basement, but the Toronto Argonauts are calling it an opportunity.

By quirk of the already quirky Canadian Football League schedule, the 1-6 Argos begin a four-game stretch Thursday night that puts them up against the two other teams that have managed to stumble their way to 1-6 records.

At the end of that stretch, the Argos could find themselves back among the teams with respectable records or trying to explain how a season that began with such promise went so bad so fast.

By virtue of the CFL's playoff system, they can't take themselves out of the playoff picture — even if they lost both games to the Saskatchewan Roughriders and both to the B.C. Lions. Stranger things have happened.

It's not do or die, but not doing would bring death a lot closer.

But the Argos aren't even contemplating the possibility of having to dig themselves out of that hole.

"We are the most positive 1-6 team out there," offensive tackle Rob Murphy said yesterday after the team's second of two practices this week. "This is a crazy league, so we're still in the hunt for a playoff spot.

"But like everybody's saying, this is a huge four-game swing for us. If we win these four games, we're back in the mix."

Head coach Jim Barker doesn't want to place too much importance on the next four games, saying that's not the way he operates.

"What we're about is we're going to be better this week than we were last week," he said.

"The key is that every week we get to see improvement.

"There's a ton of key games. To say that any four are more important than the other four, it really doesn't work that way."

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	74	46	.617	—
New York	73	46	.613	½
Tampa Bay	64	56	.533	10
Toronto	61	60	.504	13½
Baltimore	47	72	.395	26½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	64	57	.529	—
Cleveland	60	57	.513	2
Chicago	60	60	.500	3½
Minnesota	53	67	.442	10½
Kansas City	50	72	.410	14½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	70	52	.574	—
Los Angeles	65	57	.533	5
Seattle	53	67	.442	16
Oakland	53	68	.438	16½

Last night's results

Boston 3 Tampa Bay 1 (1st game)

Tampa Bay at Boston (2nd game)

Minnesota at Detroit

Cleveland at Chicago White Sox

N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City

Toronto at Seattle

Baltimore at Oakland

Texas at L.A. Angels

Monday's Results

Seattle 6 Toronto 5

Baltimore 6 Oakland 2

Minnesota 9 Detroit 6

N.Y. Yankees 7 Kansas City 4

Texas 8 L.A. Angels 4

Today's games

Tampa Bay (Price 10-10) at Boston (Lackey 11-8), 1:35 p.m.

Baltimore (Simon 3-5) at Oakland (McCarthy 5-6), 3:35 p.m.

Minnesota (Pavano 6-9) at Detroit (Penny 8-9), 7:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Carmona 5-12) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 10-5), 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Colon 8-6) at Kansas City (Chen 7-5), 8:10 p.m.

Texas (C.Wilson 11-5) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 9-8), 10:05 p.m.

Toronto (Morrow 8-7) at Seattle (Beavan 3-3), 10:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Boston at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Toronto at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	78	41	.655	—
Atlanta	71	51	.582	8½
New York	59	62	.488	20
Washington	57	62	.479	21
Florida	56	65	.463	23

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	71	51	.582	—
St. Louis	65	57	.533	6
Cincinnati	59	62	.488	11½
Pittsburgh	57	63	.475	13
Chicago	54	68	.443	17
Houston	38	84	.311	33

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	68	53	.562	—
San Francisco	66	56	.541	2½
Colorado	57	66	.463	12
Los Angeles	55	65	.458	12½
San Diego	54	69	.439	15

Last night's results

Arizona at Philadelphia

Cincinnati at Washington

St. Louis at Pittsburgh

San Francisco at Atlanta

Chicago Cubs at Houston

L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee

Florida at Colorado

N.Y. Mets at San Diego

Monday's Games

Atlanta 5, San Francisco 4

Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 2

Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 3

Milwaukee 3, L.A. Dodgers 0

Colorado 7, Florida 4

N.Y. Mets 5, San Diego 4, 10 innings

Tonight's games

Chicago Cubs (C.Coleman 2-4) at Houston (Norris 5-8), 2:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Gee 10-4) at San Diego (Latos 6-11), 6:35 p.m.

Arizona (J.Saunders 8-9) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 12-7), 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Cueto 8-5) at Washington (Detwiler 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Lohse 10-7) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 6-13), 7:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Cain 9-9) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 12-4), 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Eovaldi 1-0) at Milwaukee (Greinke 11-4), 8:10 p.m.

Florida (Nolasco 9-8) at Colorado (A.Cook 2-7), 8:40 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.

Arizona at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m.

San Francisco at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.

Florida at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

MONDAY

MARINERS 6, BLUE JAYS 5

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	4	1	0	0	ISuzuki rf	3	0	0	1
EThms lf	5	1	2	2	FGtrrz cf	4	0	1	0
McCoy pr	0	0	0	0	Ackley 2b	4	0	0	0
Bautist rf	4	1	1	0	Carp 1b	4	2	2	2
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Rasms cf	4	0	1	0	Roinsn lf	4	1	3	1
Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	1	Seager 3b	3	1	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	0	1	0	JaWlsn ss	3	0	2	1
Arencii c	3	0	1	0					
Totals	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**Totals**		**32**	**6**	**11**	**6**

Toronto	202	100	000	5
Seattle	031	000	02x	6

DP—Toronto 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Toronto 7, Seattle 5. 2B—F.Gutierrez (9), Robinson 2 (3). HR—E.Thames (8), Lind (21), Lawrie (3), Carp 2 (6), C.Wells (8). SB—A.Hill (15). CS—Olivo (5). SF—I.Suzuki.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
H.Alvarez	5	6	4	4	1	3
Litsch H,2	2	1	0	0	0	1
T.Miller BS,1-1	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Rauch L,5-4	2-3	3	1	1	0	1
Seattle						
Pineda	5	6	5	5	4	6
Cortes	2	2	0	0	0	0
Wilhelmsen W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
League S,30-34	1	1	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Cory Blaser; First, Tim McClelland; Second, Brian Runge; Third, Marvin Hudson.

T—2:43. A—28,530 (47,878).

NFL

PRE-SEASON

Monday's result

Houston 20 N.Y. Jets 16

Tomorrow's

New England at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Friday's games

Washington at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.

Carolina at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.

Arizona at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Atlanta at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Oakland at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Tennessee at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.

Buffalo at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21

Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.

San Diego at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 22

Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.

CFL

WEEK EIGHT

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	7	6	1	0	182	130	12
Montreal	7	5	2	0	222	156	10
Hamilton	7	4	3	0	189	176	8
Toronto	7	1	6	0	160	215	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	7	5	2	0	194	172	10
Edmonton	7	5	2	0	173	154	10
B.C.	7	1	6	0	167	202	2
Saskatchewan	7	1	6	0	147	229	2

Byes: Calgary, Hamilton, Montreal, Winnipeg

Tomorrow's game

Saskatchewan at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game

B.C. at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING

(x—scored two-point convert):

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Whyte, Mtl	0	23	19	1	81
Palardy, Wpg	0	15	19	4	76
Medlock, Ham	0	19	17	3	73
Duval, Edm	0	17	14	10	69
McCallum, BC	0	15	16	2	65
Paredes, Cal	0	17	13	4	60
E.Johnson, Sask	0	11	10	5	46
Stala, Ham	7	0	0	0	42
Prefontaine, Tor	0	12	9	1	40
Edwards, Wpg	5	0	0	0	30
Kackert, Tor	5	0	0	0	30
Richardson, Mtl	5	0	0	0	30
Stamps, Edm	5	0	0	0	30
Bratton, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Brown, BC	4	0	0	0	24
Cobourne, Ham	4	0	0	0	24
Cornish, Cal	4	0	0	0	24
Diedrick, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Foster, BC	4	0	0	0	24
Barnes, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Brink, Wpg	3	0	0	0	18
Cates, Sask	3	0	0	0	18
Charles, Sask	3	0	0	0	18
Dressler, Sask	3	0	0	0	18
Green, Mtl	3	0	0	0	18
Porter, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Rideau, Tor	3	0	0	0	18

SOCCER

MLS

Sunday's result

Houston 2 Portland 1

Tonight's games

Houston at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's game

D.C. United at Chicago, 9 p.m.

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's results

Arsenal (England) 1 Udinese (Italy) 0

BATE Borisov (Belarus) 1 Sturm Graz (Austria) 1

Copenhagen (Denmark) 1 Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) 3

Lyon (France) 3 Rubin Kazan (Russia) 1

Twente (Netherlands) 2 Benfica (Portugal) 2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with 3B Nick Delmonico

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Barnes, C Blake Swihart, LHP Henry Owens, OF Jackie Bradley Jr., RHP Noe Ramirez, SS Mookie Betts, LHP Cody Kukuk and RHP Matt Spalding.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed C A.J. Pierzynski on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 13. Selected the contract of C Donny Lucy from Charlotte (IL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn Armstrong. Assigned 2B Zachary McPhee to Mahoning Valley (NYP).

DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned INF Will Rhymes to Toledo (IL).

MINNESOTA TWINS—Acquired RHP Lester Oliveros from Detroit to complete Monday's Delmon Young trade, and assigned him Rochester (IL). Assigned LHP Cole Nelson to Fort Myers (FSL) and LHP Brett Lee to the GCL Twins.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C Gregory Bird, OF Jake Cave, RHP William Davis, LHP Daniel Camarena, LHP Chaz Herbert and RHP Joseph Maher.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Colin O'Connell and LHP Chris Lamb.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Released RHP Chris Ray. Agreed to terms with SS Brad Miller, SS Cavan Cohoes and RHP Carson Smith.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed RHP Jon Rauch on the 15-day DL. Designated LHP Trever Miller for assignment. Selected the contracts of LHP Wil Ledezma and LHP Rommie Lewis from Las Vegas (PCL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Released RHP Juan Jaime. Agreed to terms with LHP Will Locante and OF Joseph Loftus. Selected the contract of LHP Wade Miley from Reno (PCL). Placed RHP Jason Marquis on the 15-day DL.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled RHP Randall Delgado from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned C J.C. Boscan to Gwinnett.

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with SS Javier Baez, 1B Daniel Vogelbach, RHP Tony Zych, RHP Taylor Scott, OF Shawon Dunston Jr. and RHP Dillon Maples.

CINCINNATI REDS—Assigned RHP Michael Dennhardt to the Arizona League Reds.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Fernandez. Assigned LHP Adam Conley to the GCL Marlins.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Assigned RHP Scott Barlow and C Tyler Ogle to the Arizona League Dodgers.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with OF Larry Greene and SS Roman Quinn.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated OF Jose Tabata from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Pedro Alvarez to Indianapolis (IL). Assigned OF Candon Myles to the GCL Pirates.

FOOTBALL

NFL

ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with TE Reggie Kelly. Waived WR P.J. Gore.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Terminated the contract of DT Tank Johnson. Waived TE Garrett Mills.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Waived WR Dominique Edison.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed DE Tyler Brayton.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed DL Harold Ayodele.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed S Deon Grant. Signed DB Derrick Martin. Waived/Injured WR Sam Giguere. Waived CB Cary Harris.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Waived LB James Holt.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed S Atari Bigby. Waived FB Dorson Boyce.

HOCKEY

NHL

DETROIT RED WINGS—Renewed their affiliation agreement with Toledo (ECHL).

LACROSSE

NLL

MINNESOTA SWARM—Re-signed G Drew Dickie to a two-year contract. Agreed to terms with G Tyler Carlson, D Kiel Donahue, F Joel Henry and F Sean Robinson on two-year contracts.

GOLF

WORLD RANKING

Through Aug. 14

1. Luke Donald	Eng	10.28
2. Lee Westwood	Eng	8.44
3. Steve Stricker	USA	7.03
4. Martin Kaymer	Ger	6.98
5. Rory McIlroy	NIr	6.91
6. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.97
7. Adam Scott	Aus	5.80
8. Jason Day	Aus	5.62
9. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.54
10. Nick Watney	USA	5.40
11. Charl Schwartzel	SAf	5.29
12. Matt Kuchar	USA	5.24
13. Graeme McDowell	NIr	4.95
14. K.J. Choi	Kor	4.72
15. Bubba Watson	USA	4.66
16. Ian Poulter	Eng	4.28
17. Paul Casey	Eng	4.26
18. David Toms	USA	4.16
19. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.04
20. Kim Kyung-Tae	Kor	3.74
21. Hunter Mahan	USA	3.71
22. Francesco Molinari	Ita	3.63
23. Anders Hansen	Den	3.59
24. Retief Goosen	SAf	3.54
25. Jim Furyk	USA	3.53
26. Martin Laird	Sco	3.51
27. Rickie Fowler	USA	3.45
28. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	3.43
29. Keegan Bradley	USA	3.41
29. Zach Johnson	USA	3.41
31. Matteo Manassero	Ita	3.40
32. Ernie Els	SAf	3.37
33. Tiger Woods	USA	3.31
34. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	3.30
35. Darren Clarke	NIr	3.22
36. Justin Rose	Eng	3.12
37. Gary Woodland	USA	3.10
38. Jason Dufner	USA	3.10
39. Bo Van Pelt	USA	3.06
40. Bill Haas	USA	3.04
41. Louis Oosthuizen	SAf	2.94
42. Y.E. Yang	Kor	2.94
43. Ryo Ishikawa	Jpn	2.92
44. Tim Clark	SAf	2.90
45. Ryan Moore	USA	2.87
46. Geoff Ogilvy	Aus	2.87
47. Peter Hanson	Swe	2.86
48. Edoardo Molinari	Ita	2.84
49. Sergio Garcia	Esp	2.81
50. Robert Allenby	Aus	2.75

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Cargo space

Raising the hatch reveals a cargo hold that's about 50 per cent larger than that of the standard Prius. However, with the 60:40 split-folding rear-seat and the front-passenger seat back lowered, interior stowage volume bests most other compact wagons on the market and nearly matches Toyota's mid-size Venza wagon for space.

When transporting people, the rear bench can be adjusted fore and aft and will recline up to 45 degrees.

SofTex

With the launch of the v, Toyota is also introducing what it calls SofTex. It's an optional synthetic leather-like seat covering that the company claims is lighter than leather, more stain resistant and uses far fewer nasty chemicals in the manufacturing process than other faux leather materials.

All Prius models arrive well equipped, and among the more interesting options is a Panoramic View Moonroof with power-retractable sunshades.

Engine

The Prius v shares the 98-horsepower, 1.8-litre gas engine and 80-horsepower electric motor (that generates 134 net horsepower) and continuously variable transmission with its smaller hatchback sibling.

Still, even with the use of lighter high-strength steel and aluminum, the v is about 100 kilograms heavier than a regular Prius and pays the price in the fuel-economy department.

▶ An extension of the Prius brand, literally, the Prius v is bigger in just about every way except under the hood. It's the same powertrain found in the Prius hatchback.

The 'v' is for versatile

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And then there were two.

The Prius brand is welcoming a new family member with the autumn arrival of the Prius v wagon. Toyota explains the lower-case "v" stands for versatile, but perhaps the automaker should have also added a "p" for practicality.

The current Prius hatchback that was introduced for the 2010 model year is already plenty practical, but the upcoming wagon goes one better. It also has a more conventional appearance that should make the Prius more appealing to a wider range of buyers. And the fact that the v's similar gasoline-electric power team produces exemplary fuel economy numbers — although not nearly as good as the hatch — is one more checkmark in its favour.

The adjustments in converting the Prius into a Prius v are many. First off, the distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased. The roof has also been elevated and the body width increased just a touch.

From the driver's perspective, the v's nearly vertical liftgate makes for improved rear vision.

So far, Toyota is keeping mum on the cost of v ownership, but an on-the-road price in the $32,000 range is expected. At that rate, the v could add the letter "s" for successful to the wagon's nomenclature.

▶ Toyota's designers have created a completely different dashboard and control panel layout for the v that appears much more user friendly.

▶ The Prius v crosses over into the wagon segment with a cargo capacity 50-per-cent greater than that of the standard Prius.

Toyota Prius v

What you should know about the Toyota Prius v:

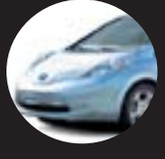
- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.8-litre DOHC I4 combined with 60-kilowatt electric motor (134).
- **Transmission:** Continuously variable.
- **Market position:** The launch of the Prius v underscores Toyota's commitment to the further development of gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles, which so far has proven the cleanest and most cost-efficient way to reduce fuel consumption.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 5.7/5.9.

5 drive

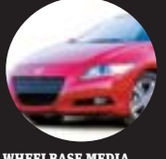
By comparison

Lexus CT200h
Base price: $32,900
Compact hatch appears sporty but comes up a bit short on power.

Nissan Leaf
Base price: $39,900
Electric hatchback fine for short hops, but planning ahead is imperative.



Honda CR-Z
Base price: $24,900
Fun-to-drive hatch loves the curves. Stick to the manual-gearbox version.



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They just keep on truckin'

- Ecoboost V6 takes on a V8 hotrod truck from the past
- They have similar power ratings, but, wow, how times have changed

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▶ Which is the sporty truck? Smaller and lighter than the new F-150, the 2000 SVT Lightning, right, also gives up what many would consider truck necessities, such as four-wheel-drive and room for five people.

Ten years have passed, but two pistons are missing and the belt-driven supercharger has been traded in for two turbochargers and the fancy EcoBoost name. This is progress, in someone's book?

So, can a V6, turbos or not, be any match for a V8? It's the question every person considering a new Ford F-150 is asking when the praises of the 3.5-litre EcoBoost V6 roll off the salesman's tongue. How can a paltry 213 cubic inches of displacement haul around a 2,500-kilogram truck and another 5,100 kilograms of trailer?

It's the obvious question, so when a new four-door EcoBoost F-150 entered our press fleet, the comparisons between our shop truck — the raucous F-150 Lightning SVT, once considered the quickest and fastest pickup truck on the planet — were flying faster than political-campaign promises.

The 1999-'04 Lightning was based on the two-wheel-drive regular-cab Flareside/stepside pickup with the basic principle of keeping it simple to go fast. Still a little on the porky side at 2,100 kilograms, the Lightning sports big brakes, rumbling exhaust and a supercharged 5.4-litre V8 rated at 360 horsepower and uprated to 380 for the 2001 model year with a lower final drive ratio to further help acceleration. Peak torque was 440-450 pound-feet depending on year. Ours is the 360-horsepower version from 2000.

By contrast, the four-door, four-wheel-drive Eco-

"Truck customers should think of the EcoBoost truck engine as a gas-powered engine with diesel-type capability and characteristics."
JIM MAZUCHOWSKI, FORD V6 ENGINES PROGRAM MANAGER

Boost F-150 is like bringing a knife to a gun fight ... where the Lightning is the gun. The bright red pickup has one goal in mind — performance — while the EcoBoost is flooded with luxury, such as a plush interior with chocolate-coloured leather seats front and back, power running boards, "Platinum" trim and more safety and electronics than would ever fit inside the Lightning.

But, the Ecoboost makes a similar 365 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque while giving away about 450 kilograms of weight to the Lightning.

Now what? We took the pair to the dragstrip for a little head-to-head battle.

In terms of pure acceleration, the Lightning clawed away from the bigger and heavier EcoBoost with little trouble, posting quarter-mile times of 13.9 seconds at 100 m.p.h. (160 km/h). The EcoBoost F-150 — which posted impressive times of 15.4 seconds at 92 m.p.h. (147 km/h) — is simply not designed for the same one-dimensional purpose.

Yes, the EcoBoost is a stout little engine. But really, the acceleration only tells a tiny sliver of the story.

The EcoBoost F-150 Platinum seats five people, or two with a lot of gear. The regular-cab Lightning has room for just two people and almost no gear. As well, the EcoBoost is a 4x4, which makes it an all-season machine where the rear-drive Lightning — without any form of traction/stability control to prevent skids and spins — is utterly useless with even a skiff of snow and sometimes a handful even on wet pavement.

In terms of towing capacity, the EcoBoost tows 5,100 kilograms to the Lightning's 2,300.

Add in the fuel economy: About 14.7/10.7 l/100 km for the EcoBoost and just 18.0/13.8 l/100 km for the Lightning, and that's quite an "Egoboost" for the new F-150.

Top Gear

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More retro for your ride

The modern version of the 1970 Dodge Challenger is a darling of terminally nostalgic car nuts and brings forward many of the original's styling cues.

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Along with plenty of performance goodies for the Challenger offered by drakemuscle cars.com, you can also get this neat gas cap — in satin or with black accents — that somewhat emulates the original musclecar-era design.

It costs about $194 US, but head over to Drake to download the four-page Challenger catalogue and read up on the $1,400 US carbon-fibre hood, the billet-aluminum pistol-grip shifter handle and the billet tower-brace kit to help stiffen up the chassis.

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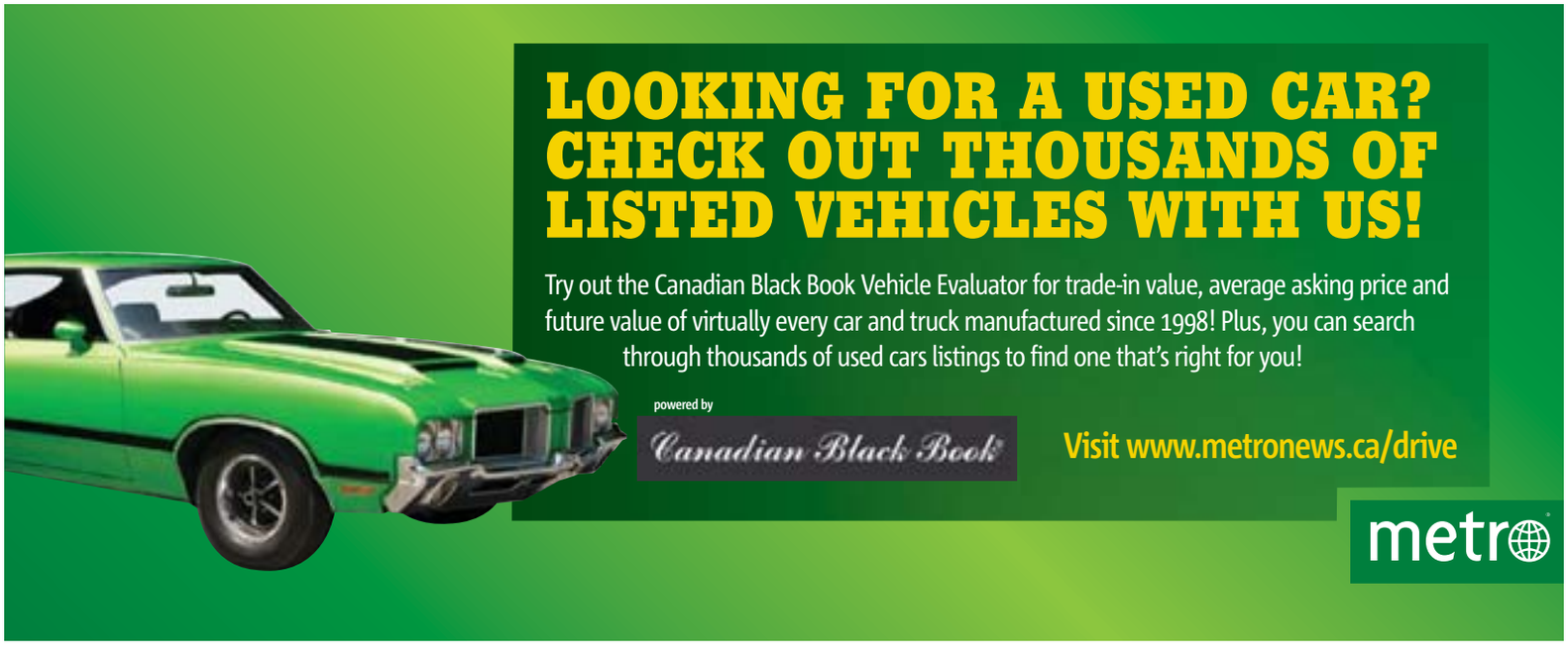
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Every road trip offers…

… memories to last a lifetime, but my most memorable was spent touring the Rocky Mountains in Alberta with my family. My parents packed my brother and me, aged 9 and 13, into our family SUV for a two-week trip.

I'm sure there were squabbles along the way, but when I look back I recall wonderful moments. I remember sunny days, stopping for ice cream at viewpoints along the highway, singing along to popular radio hits as we wound through the mountains and countless giggles as we entertained ourselves with silly road trip games like "I Spy".

But by far, the best part of our road trip was an unexpected adventure along the way. On an excursion to Lake Louise we took a wrong turn, and found ourselves driving down a secluded road underneath a canopy of trees, all alone except for an occasional sighting of wildlife. The views were spectacular and no one was in a hurry to return to the highway, so we carried on.

Eventually, the pavement became bumpy gravel. Crawling along at 10km an hour, we finally came to the end of the road – with a magnificent vista in view: sparkling turquoise water encircled by rugged mountains. Rather than reaching our planned destination, we had accidentally discovered Lake Moraine, a pristine glacial lake, far away from the touristy crowds. We sat still and quiet in the car, taking in the breathtaking view and realizing how lucky we were to get lost after all.

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It also doesn't help that car insurance is expensive, and getting more so every day.

But we should at least take solace that it is now easier to comparison shop for a good insurance deal, via the rise of online comparison-shopping sites like Kanetix.ca, insurancehotline.com and others.

"It's a fact of life that some insurers have more attractive offers than others," says George Small, founder and manager of Kanetix.ca.

Whether you find them online or in your local neighbourhood, speaking one-on-one to brokers and agents also has to be part of the shopping experience.

This is to ensure your current or new insurer really understands your needs so you're not under-buying or over-buying.

An agent will represent one insurance company, while a broker would represent several. Leonard Sharman of The Co-operators, one of Canada's largest auto insurers, cautions to be leery of brokers who merely show you their "best quote" — not the same thing as seeing or hearing all the quotes from all the insurers they represent.

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▶ An obvious "impacter" when it comes to any insurance premium is the type of vehicle you're insuring. Some are obvious (2011 Audi R8 (pictured) versus 2000 Hyundai Accent), some less so, such as the Honda Civic, which is very high on the "want" lists of car thieves.

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Small notes two factors often contribute to your comfort level with higher deductibles: your financial ability to absorb the extra amount ($1,000 versus $500, for example); and your family's collective driving record and expertise (decent or shaky?).

"Some families can just take more risk," notes Small.

He adds that Kanetix.ca makes it very easy to see the impact of lower deductibles; you can change the deductible amount and quickly see how it affects the quote.

Small is surprised how many consumers don't always take full advantage of the various discounts that are available to insurance shoppers.

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Saving more fuel with direct injection

GDI engines are identified as running 'leaner'

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With fuel efficiency a major issue for the auto industry, a first step is to improve the way the engine works. One solution is the increased use of gasoline direct injection, or GDI.

"GDI is an enabling technology," says Mark Shirley, senior engineer of engine design at Hyundai American Technical Center.

"The direct injection itself isn't what makes it efficient; it only allows other changes to the engine that improve economy."

Hyundai uses the system in its all-new Sonata and Accent.

In simplest terms, an engine works similarly to a bicycle. Just as your legs go up and down, pistons inside the engine do the same, turning a crankshaft whose spinning energy eventually turns the wheels. The pistons are powered when gasoline is injected into the engine and it explodes inside the combustion chambers.

Most modern cars use multi-port injection, in which the gasoline is injected outside the combustion chamber, mixed with air and drawn in when an intake valve opens. Once inside, it's ignited by the spark plug to power the pistons. With GDI, the gasoline is injected directly into the combustion chamber instead.

As it moves up and down, the piston compresses the air-fuel mixture before it's burned. The more it's compressed, the more power the mixture can provide.

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▶ GDI system

However, compressing the mixture creates heat, which comes with new problems such as pre-ignition, when the fuel spontaneously ignites before the spark plug fires. This is not only inefficient but, in extreme cases, can cause engine damage.

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▶ The Hyundai Accent is the first subcompact to offer gasoline direct injection technology.

Injecting gasoline as a high-pressure liquid directly into the combustion chamber cools the chamber and means the air mixed with it doesn't get as hot, Shirley says.

"Lower temperatures in the chamber allow higher-compression ratios and more spark advance, which allows the engine to be more fuel-efficient."

Gasoline must be mixed with air before it can be burned in the combustion chamber. GDI engines run "leaner," meaning they use less gasoline and more air.

They also burn the gas more completely and emit fewer pollutants overall compared with conventional engines.

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Deciding on a career can be a daunting task. Whether you're a teenager pondering what to do after high school or an adult looking to make a career change, the auto industry offers a wealth of opportunities. For most people, their interaction with the auto industry is limited to sales and service experiences at the dealership level, but there is far more below the surface than meets the eye. Driving a significant portion of Ontario's economy, nearly one in 10 jobs is directly related to, or reliant upon, the success of the sector.

Such a large industry requires qualified and talented individuals across every discipline you can imagine. State of the art manufacturing facilities necessitate positions you may never have even thought of, like robotics technicians, logistics coordinators and quality control experts. Similar options exist in OEM replacement parts production, not to mention the plethora of possibilities in the aftermarket as well. Each of these sectors necessitates engineering, production, sales and service positions.

Most manufacturers that sell vehicles in Canada also have head offices that employee hundreds of people in a variety of capacities, which may include but are not limited to: engineering, design, advertising, marketing, public relations, accounting, IT, government relations, and environmental relations. Each of these functions offers rewarding opportunities that also offer potential for personal growth and career advancement.

The auto sector is an engaging and ever-changing industry that promises many dynamic and vibrant possibilities, but the key to opening the doors to these specific prospects is education and training.

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Newer cars don't require service as often as they used to. That's good news for consumers, who can save time and money because of these extended intervals. But it can be bad news if an undetected small problem has the time to turn into a big problem.

The old 5,000-km oil-change intervals meant most people got their vehicles serviced at least three or four times a year. Today, with some vehicle manufacturers recommending once-a-year oil changes, that's no longer the case. There's much more time for initial trouble spots to go undetected.

For example, during a routine service, a technician might spot an oil leak well before it can cause serious engine damage.

Your technician can check the condition of your oil and engine air filter, and may advise the use of an advanced technology oil filter, such as Fram Xtended Guard. Only with the practiced eye of a well-trained technician will little problems be spotted before they become big.

It's a good idea to request a thorough vehicle inspection in between extended service visits, at least twice a year, especially if you change the oil yourself. And as the odometer starts to add up the kilometres and the potential for component failure becomes more likely, it's even more important.

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Does 'severe service' driving apply to you?

Take a look in your vehicle's owner's manual, and you'll find a caveat about "severe service" conditions. While the phrase sounds pretty intense, you may be surprised to find that it applies to you.

After a certain amount of time and travel, motor oil can lose its effectiveness and an oil filter may lose its ability to clean the oil. Exactly when that happens varies by driving conditions. "Severe service" can include:

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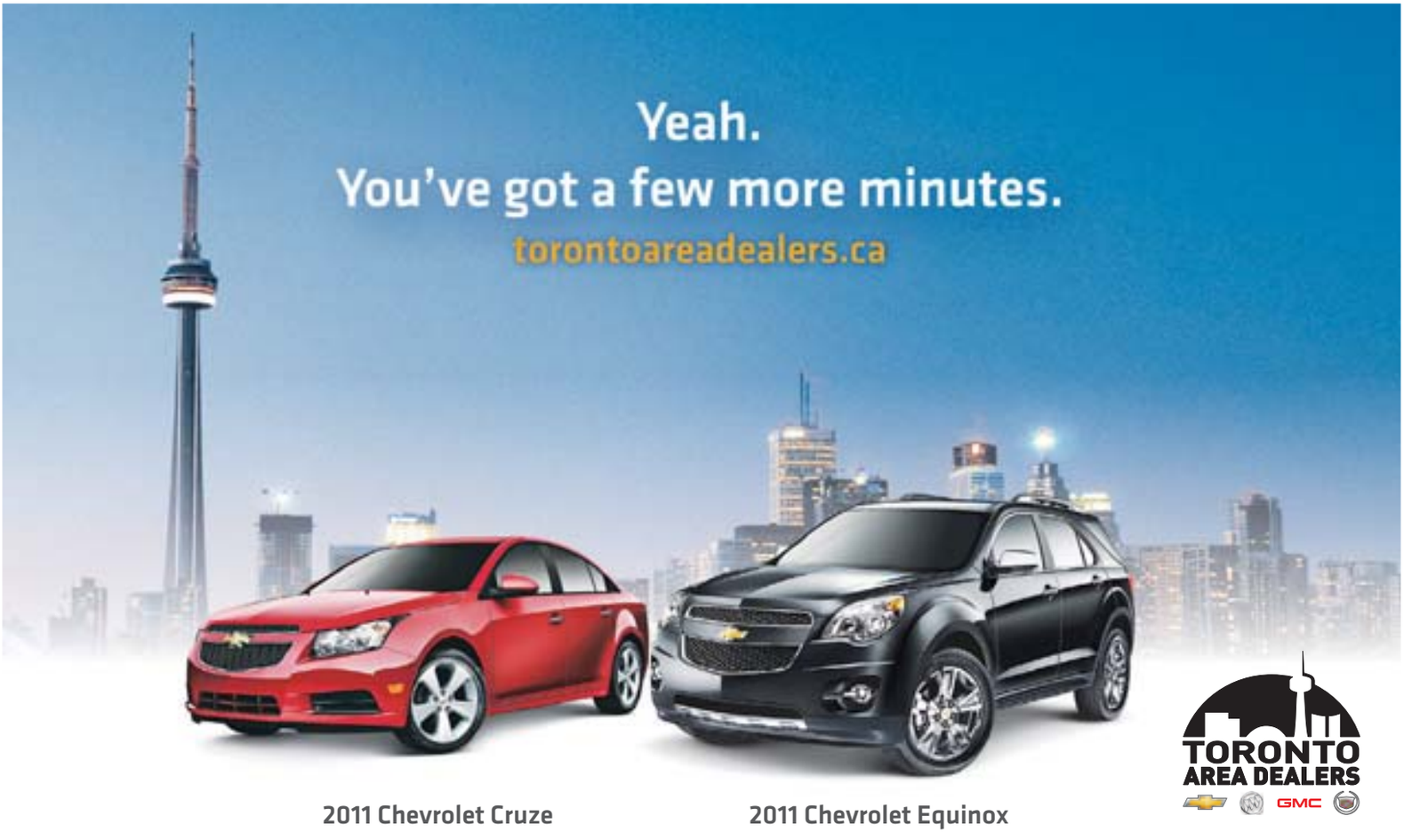
- Driving in very hot or very cold weather.
- Idling for extended periods of time.
- Stop-and-go traffic.
- Pulling trailers or carrying heavy loads.
- Driving in dusty conditions.

All of these conditions place a much tougher strain on motor oil, which not only reduces friction, but also helps cool the engine and prevent engine wear.

Severe service conditions basically overburden the additives in the motor oil and the capacity of the oil filter, so more frequent service is needed. Don't forget to check the engine air filter as well, since the same conditions can affect its useful life. Talk to a trusted technician to find out if you should extend your vehicle's service intervals to the full amount, or if changing the oil, oil filter and air filter more frequently may be the best course for top engine protection. **NEWS CANADA**



Last-gen Impreza looks like a reliable performer

SECOND GEAR

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For years, the Subaru Impreza has been a popular choice for shoppers after all-season performance, versatility and driving confidence.

A lifestyle-oriented model with a reputation for reliability, safety and a "go-anywhere-anytime" attitude, Impreza boasted standard AWD across the board, sedan or five-door variants, and automatic or manual transmissions.

Look for features like a sunroof, automatic climate control, automatic lights, tinted glass and heated seats. Touring, Limited and Convenience packages were also available, depending on the year in question.

2008 to 2011 Subaru Impreza

Engine

Standard Impreza models got Subaru's 2.5-litre boxer four-cylinder engine, which whipped up 170 horsepower. A four-speed automatic or five-speed manual were available.

What owners like

Handling and driving dynamics, all-season traction, overall performance and flexibility are all highly rated by the Subaru Impreza's owner community. Ride comfort, headroom and overall value complete the list of owner-stated positives.

What owners dislike

A low-budget and "plasticky" interior feel, road noise and a less-than-adequate factory stereo system are common complaints. Some owners note that fuel consumption can be thirstier than a comparable two-wheel drive car.

Common issues

Check the windshield for an oily film that may impede vision. This could indicate a problem with a leaky heater core that's allowing coolant to evaporate. Check the front footwells for signs of dampness through the carpet, which could indicate a water leak. Ensure the air conditioner works properly, check the liftgate (if equipped) and look for broken or missing interior trim pieces.

Verdict

This generation of Impreza didn't pack any new and radical technology, though it seems to be a solid and reliable performer as a result. With a thumbs-up from a mechanic, owners can expect a reliable and worry-free all-season driving experience for years to come.

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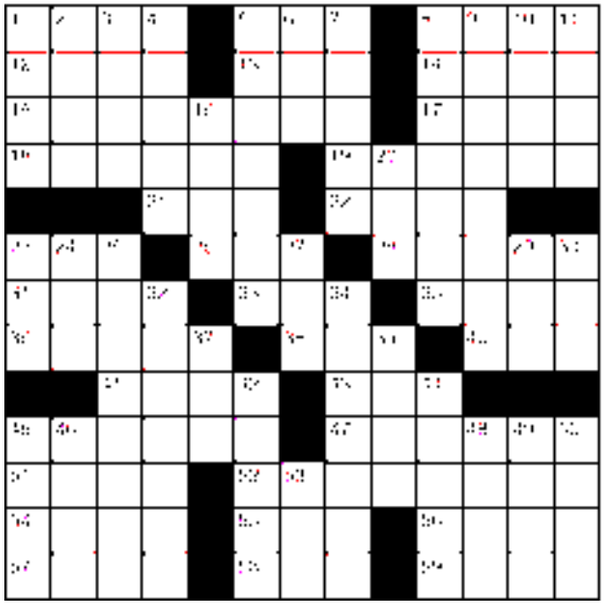

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38 Energy
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41 Child's play
43 D.C. figure
45 Declare as fact
47 Rock band assistant
51 Bees' home
52 Clover-leaf feature
54 Kiln
55 "— the season ..."
56 Quick cut
57 Three feet
58 Chances, for short
59 Simple

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1 Awestruck
2 Carry on
3 Still
4 Eagle's nest
5 Stretchable
6 X rating?
7 Stogie
8 Removed dirt from
9 Drinker's woe
10 Dust Bowl refugee
11 Makes two into one
16 "Be quiet!"
20 Society newbie
23 Priestly garment
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25 Seder time
27 Chart
29 Ostrich's cousin
30 High shot
32 The 3 in 3 - 2 = 1
34 Sadden
37 Varnish ingredient
39 Penniless
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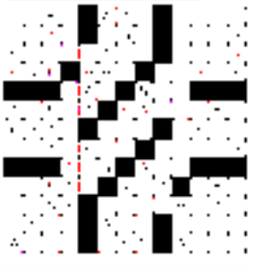
53 Bigwig, for short

▶ Yesterday's answer



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3	2			4	7			
9			2				8	
7				9				6
		3				1		
2				8				5
	3				2			4
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3	5	4	6	2	7	1	8	9
8	7	9	5	3	4	2	1	6
4	6	3	1	8	2	5	9	7
5	1	2	7	6	9	8	4	3
9	2	6	8	5	3	4	7	1
7	3	8	9	4	1	6	5	2
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It may annoy you that someone is telling tales about you, but does it really matter? There is precious little they can do to make you look bad.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The Sun close to your ruler Mercury makes it easy to express yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You are overdue for good news. If it does not arrive today, it will certainly arrive tomorrow.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 What you want more than anything is total confidence, and according to the planets, you might get it today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 This may not be an easy time for you but at least now you can put a name to your fears.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your outlook on life will change for the better over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep telling yourself that you will succeed. Keep telling yourself that you have what it takes.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have a duty to tell the truth, so speak up — even if some people's feelings get hurt.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Be on the lookout for money-making opportunities over the next 24 hours. You'd make a great CEO!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A friend will say something that shocks you. He or she is only human. Don't be too judgmental.

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